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Feds order research on homegrown terrorism

Five analytical studies. Tories had previously mocked their rivals for 'engaging in sociology'

A day after committing six fighter jets and hundreds of personnel to the fight against the extremist group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), the federal Conservatives are commissioning five new studies into homegrown terrorism and terrorist financing.

Public Safety Canada issued a call for research projects into a variety of terror-related topics Wednesday, including the domestic impact of international conflict and the role of the Internet in terrorist recruiting.

"A prominent threat facing Canada's national security … is radicalization leading to violence, including homegrown violent extremism," reads the call for proposals.

"These cases are rare, but the impact of an act of terrorism is potentially enormous, with serious and lasting psychological and emotional harm to a large number of individuals, as well as economic impact and/or the creation or escalation of tensions between communities and countries."

The research will consider a number of questions:

- How does the "psychology of the Internet" play into terrorist activities and recruitment?
- What are the domestic impacts of international conflicts, such as the war in Iraq?
- What are the gender dynamics involved in radicalization to violence?
- How are resources transferred to terrorist organizations? How are those resources moved and used?
- What makes people susceptible to recruitment into violent extremism?

The research will be funded by the Kanishka Project, a five-year, $10-million fund created in 2011 to study security issues.

Despite the government's mockery of political opponents for searching for the "root causes" of terrorism or "engaging in sociology," Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government has committed around $5 million to similar research over the last three years.

It's not known how much this round of study will cost. Kanishka grants can range from one-off $10,000 contributions to $460,000 for multi-year research.

Over the debate on Canada's six-month combat mission in Iraq, the Conservatives repeatedly stressed that ISIS poses a domestic threat to Canadians — either in the form of terror hatched abroad and carried out on Canadian soil or from so-called "extremist travellers" returning to the West.

"What the world understands very clearly is that in the absence of any response, ISIS was growing like a cancer over the summer," Harper told the Commons on Tuesday.

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STANLEY CUP HOPES HELD HIGH

Maple Leafs fan Tyler Weyersberg hoists his homemade Stanley Cup made of beer cans and a mixing bowl in Maple Leaf Square on Wednesday. Let's hope the opening game of the regular season was not an omen, as the Leafs fell 4-3 to the Montreal Canadiens at the ACC. Story, page 45. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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This time it's Bastille doing the storming

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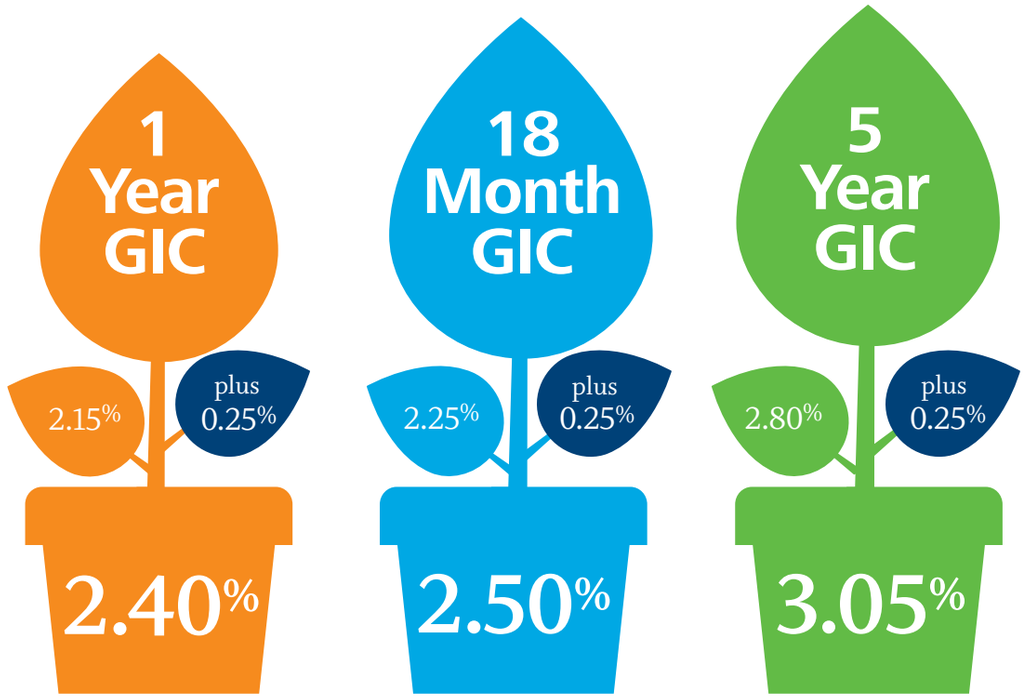

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Crack in Toronto cold case?

29 years later. Police conducting search near Barrie for leads in Nicole Morin disappearance

Quoted

"They find any deceased human beings. That's what they are trained to search for."

Toronto police Insp. Gerry Cashman on cadaver dogs, which will be used in the search

Officers from Toronto and the OPP search a wooded area in Springwater Township on Wednesday. Dozens of officers aided by two cadaver dogs scoured the area in hopes of solving the mystery of just what happened to Nicole Morin, inset, last seen in her bathing suit on her way to go swimming with a friend 29 years ago. PETER REDMAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS; INSET: THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Investigators with the Ontario Provincial Police and Toronto police are scouring a rural area near Barrie for leads in an almost-30-year-old missing child case, according to the OPP.

Forty officers are searching property near Old Second Road N and Horseshoe Valley Road W in Springwater Township for connections to the case of missing girl Nicole Morin, who was just eight when she disappeared. Police believe Nicole was abducted after she went missing from her West Mall apartment in Etobicoke while on her way to meet a friend for a swim on the morning of July 30, 1985.

Toronto police received the tip after releasing a video on the anniversary of her disappearance this July that reenacted the day Nicole disappeared. The same family that provided that tip had also brought forward this information two days after Nicole's disappearance, said Toronto police Insp. Gerry Cashman, who was at the search site.

The OPP had searched the area at the time of Nicole's disappearance, but given new search techniques now available to police, receiving the tip again prompted them to give the area another look, said Cashman.

"Nothing has changed about the information but the technology has changed," Cashman said. "We thought we would close the loops and do everything we can do to make sure we have done due diligence for Nicole if she is here or was here."

He said this time the search involves technology previously unavailable, including cadaver dogs, ground penetrating radar and GPS.

Cadaver dogs are key in the search for a body, he said.

"They find any deceased human beings. That's what they are trained to search for," said Cashman, adding the dogs can detect gases emitted by a decomposing body even 30 years on.

The search began at 6 a.m. Wednesday morning and will continue until the end of the day Thursday. If "something of importance" is found, Cashman says, authorities will be at the scene "a lot longer."

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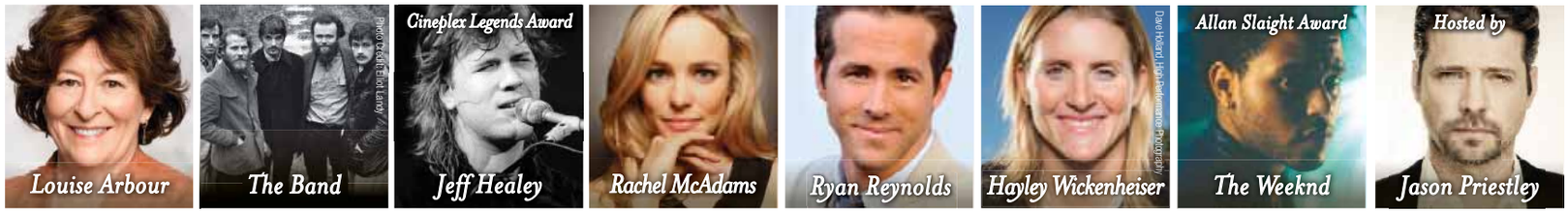

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Young hopeful steps into the ring

Daniel DeVito TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

What happens when you are 28 years old and you tell your friends you are running for mayor of Vaughan?

First, they ask you if you're kidding. When you say no, they laugh.

It was only when they saw Daniel DeVito attending candidate events and discussing his platform with constituents that they realized he was serious.

"They know me as a guy who gets things done, and they know I am serious about politics. So it made sense to them too," said DeVito (who may be related to the actor who shares his name: "It has been suggested by family members that he is potentially a distant relative, but it's not certain.")

DeVito calls himself a "politician in the works." He studied political science at York University and was involved in incumbent Maurizio Bevilacqua's winning campaign in 2010.

"After going through the process of the campaigning and being at the forefront of the current mayor's campaign, I realized I could just as easily do this for myself," he said.

Despite being rivals, he says he is on good terms with Bevilacqua. The mayor is running for a second term in office.

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Airport security experts say smugglers often hide contraband in the electrical systems and compartment walls of airplanes.

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Drugs often found hidden in planes: Cops

Symposium. Smuggling said to be a persistent issue at Pearson airport

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Bags of drugs are routinely found hidden in the compartment walls, electrical systems and other areas of an aircraft only accessible to mechanics through the use of a key, police at Pearson airport told attendees at the International Airport Investigators' Training Symposium in Mississauga.

Airport investigators were also warned that a fire can erupt on a flight due to smugglers using sections of commercial jets to plant drugs, which are retrieved by corrupt ground workers when the flight arrives at Pearson.

"The flimsy packaging of the drugs can generate a spark and next thing you know, a fire," Peel Regional Police Det. Stephen Rowland told a packed hall. "The aircraft mechanics are very concerned and always notify us of their seizures."

Officers at Pearson have found more than 130 kilos of heroin, worth in excess of $18 million, in about 50 separate seizures since January 2013.

The drugs were intercepted in the process of being smuggled into Canada by a ring of inside workers, police said.

"More than 50 per cent of the drugs seized at Pearson are the result of an internal conspiracy," Rowland said. "Most of the drugs are coming from Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominican Republic and Peru."

Rowland said the drugs are packed in knapsacks containing up to 40 kilos each that can be quickly grabbed and tossed by workers involved in the smuggling scheme.

"These high number of seizures are concerning," he said. "We are even discovering drugs pushed way inside the avionics cone of the aircraft."

Police said the packages of drugs can freeze in flight and sever electrical wires or lines.

Officers are now collecting the seals, or stamps, used by smugglers to distinguish their drugs. The seals are entered into a database to identify crime gangs manufacturing or smuggling the drugs.

RCMP liaison officer Michel Drayton, based in the Dominican Republic, said 13 Canadians are in jail in that country for drug smuggling.

He said cocaine and heroin are being smuggled from Haiti to the Dominican Republic, then to Canada and on to the U.S. or Europe.

A kilo of coke can be purchased for as little as $1,500 in a source country and resold for up to $50,000 in North America.

Details

More than 200 airport police and security experts from around the world are at the third annual International Airport Investigators' Training Symposium that wraps up Thursday at an Airport Strip hotel. The conference is closed to the public.

TSO aims to woo youth with young celebrities

Strategy proving to be successful. More than 37,000 people under 35 years old have joined the TSO's reduced-price program

There is a youthful revolution at the Toronto Symphony Orchestra this October, where 11 of the 13 concerts feature visiting artists under the age of 35.

The slew of young performers this fall begins with Jakub Hrusa, who was 23 when he began his professional conducting career. At the time, some orchestras looked at him askance, says Hrusa, who conducts the TSO on Oct. 9 and 11.

"Some were resistant to having a leader who is the youngest in the group," says Hrusa, adding he didn't care. "I was there to build my presence."

Ten years later, the shock of having artists barely out of school performing centre stage has worn off in classical music circles as orchestras deliberately woo talented young musicians and, in turn, attract young audiences.

The strategy seems to be working. More than 37,000 people under the age of 35 have joined the symphony's reduced-price program, representing 13.5 per cent of all tickets sold last year. The year before, it was 10 per cent.

Karen Gomyo plays violin with the TSO on Oct. 9 and Oct. 11. Gomyo attended the Juilliard School at age 11. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Hrusa believes that young artists attract young ticket-buyers.

"Young people sometimes feel distanced by traditional classical music. But when they see same-age people, they say, 'This is a cool place to be.'"

Joining Hrusa on the bill is violinist Karen Gomyo, playing the Sibelius Violin Concerto in D Minor. She's been performing for 17 years, since she was 15.

"When I turned 12, I thought I was old," says Gomyo who attended the Juilliard School at age 11 and saw superstars such as Midori take off to world acclaim. "You have to start performing very early."

There may be a few bumps in a career when teenage rebellion takes hold, she admits, adding that she briefly wondered if she was pursuing her career for her parents or herself.

Gomyo, who plays a 1703 Aurora, ex-Foulis Stradivarius violin purchased for her by a private sponsor, is thrilled with the young artists taking positions with established orchestras.

"It is exciting to be conducted by my peers," she says. "To have young people in classical music challenges the thought that it's for old people." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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"To have young people in classical music challenges the thought that it's for old people."

Karen Gomyo, a renowned performer, talks about classical music and youth.

A doctor's double life as a musician

Dr. Jason Dodge bent over his piano in the palliative care ward, seated across from a dying patient who'd become his friend, and played the swooning melody of the song he'd written for her. In the intensity of that moment, at the intersection of his vocation and creative passion, Dodge realized the power of his music.

So he decided to take it seriously.

Four years later, the gynecological oncologist at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre has a distribution deal with a Las Vegas-based promoter and is on the cusp of releasing his sophomore album, a collection of piano-driven numbers that have been shaped and informed by his experience at work, treating women with cancer. It makes for a double, yet enmeshed, life: There's music in the doctor, and some doctor in the music.

Quoted

"It's kind of a unique bond that I have as a physician, to be able to share the emotions on that kind of a level."

Dr. Jason Dodge

"I find my work pouring into music all the time," Dodge said at his home near Bayview and Eglinton.

The 44-year-old doesn't remember a time when he didn't want to be a physician. Dodge's kindergarten teacher apparently took a look at his messy, five-year-old handwriting and joked that he should become a doctor.

But his love of music also started early. At three years old, he was given an accordion to play. At school in Forest, Ont., the small town near Sarnia where Dodge grew up, he took to the trumpet, trombone and tuba before joining the Western Mustangs marching band as a drummer during undergrad and medical school.

Aside from some intermittent piano-playing, Dodge didn't immerse himself in songwriting and performing until the fall of 2010, when he met a patient named Kate. Dodge said Kate had vaginal cancer and was already beyond treatment when he took her on in the palliative care ward.

Jason Dodge, the doctor who also moonlights as a musician. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

During the few weeks they knew each other, the doctor and the patient bonded over discussions of art and music, said Dodge. "One day she asked me to play her something, so I took my piano in to her from home, into her room, and did a little concert." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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From Yiddish to yada yada

'Her mother's parents were Jewish, OK?'
Doug Ford defends comments about Jewish professionals by claiming his wife is Jewish ... sort of

Facing criticism from John Tory and others for comments he made about Jewish people at a debate on Sunday, Doug Ford fought back Monday with a statement he had never before made publicly.

"My wife is Jewish," he told reporters, impassioned. "Her mother's Jewish. They have to come after me? You got to be joking. My wife was furious last night at John Tory's statement. It's disgusting. Absolutely disgusting."

Talking to reporters again later in the day, Ford adjusted his claim. Rather than simply saying Karla Ford was Jewish, he said she "comes from Jewish heritage."

When asked by a reporter to clarify, he said: "Her mother. Her parents. Her mother's parents were Jewish, OK? ... Her grandparents, on the mother's side. They were Russian Orthodox Jews, OK?"

Tracing a person's complete heritage can be a difficult, sometimes impossible venture, and Karla Ford has not spoken publicly about her religious identification or family heritage. But the available written evidence suggests that her maternal grandparents did not identify themselves as Jewish, either, when they travelled to Canada or got married in Canada — but, rather, as Orthodox Christians from a Russian-speaking part of Europe.

Karla Ford did not immediately respond to a phone message from Torstar. When told of documents that identify her maternal grandparents as Christians, Doug Ford suggested they had concealed their identities to protect themselves from anti-Semites.

"Do you understand the persecution they went through?" he said. "Do you think I'd make this up?"

He said: "Let me be very clear. Her grandparents were Jewish. They left an area, they were being persecuted. They came over here. I never said they were practising the Jewish faith. Her mother didn't practise the Jewish faith, and neither did my wife. But the bloodlines, as I told you right from day one, I never misled you, her parents, grandparents were Jewish."

In Doug Ford's initial comments, he simply asserted that his wife was Jewish and that her mother was Jewish. Asked Tuesday if his wife actually identifies as Jewish, he said, "No, she doesn't. She hasn't."

Quoted

"Do you understand the persecution they went through? Do you think I'd make this up?"
Doug Ford

Doug Ford arrives with his wife Karla for his first mayoral debate on Sept. 23. Earlier this week he claimed his wife was Jewish when responding to criticism about comments he made. Documents suggest otherwise. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Jewish bloodlines," he repeated. The question "Who is a Jew?" is a famously difficult and contentious question among the Jewish community itself. The Orthodox and Reform denominations offer different answers. An overarching principle, though, is that Jewishness is passed down through the mother's side — so anyone born of a Jewish mother is Jewish, regardless of what religion they may or may not practise.

As a result, if one of Karla Ford's ancestors on her mother's side was Jewish — even if it was her great-great-grandmother — and it was passed through maternal relatives, then she would technically be considered Jewish.

It appears Ford was correct about the Orthodox part of his amended claim, but not the Jewish part.

According to newspaper archives and ancestral records, Karla Ford's maternal grandparents did not identify as Jews when they arrived in Canada, nor later when they married on Canadian soil.

Karla Ford was born Karla Middlebrook, daughter of Julie Renwick. Her grandparents were George (born John George Arenowicz) and Eleanor Renwick.

Eleanor Renwick was born Eleonora Marko in a part of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire which is now divided between Ukraine and Romania.

An Eleonora Marko, who was 18 at the time, landed in Halifax on the S.S. Brandenburg on July 30, 1913, according to passenger lists kept by Library of Archives Canada and digitized on FamilySearch.org.

On the passenger manifest, Marko, was recorded as "Ruth," which likely refers to the Ruthenia region of Eastern Europe. Under "religious denomination," she was marked down as "gr. cath.," taken to mean Greek Catholic.

Many Jews did flee her area in the years leading up to the First World War, fearing persecution. But she identified as a Christian even in Canada.

A wedding certificate for an Eleonora Marko and John Arenowicz dated 1916 shows the two were married in Ottawa. Their wedding certificate, available on Ancestry.com, also asked for religious denomination. For both, the answer was "Russian Greek Orthodox."

They were married by a reverend at the Holy Trinity Church in Ottawa's Carleton County.

At least one of Karla Ford's aunts was married as a Christian. A story in the Toronto Star, printed in 1947, shows her wedding was held in an Evangelical church.

The possibility of Karla Ford being raised as a practising Jew appears to be ruled out by her own father's obituary. When William John Middlebrook died in 1994, his death notice printed in the Star read: "Known for his devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canadian Jewish Congress

'Totally disingenuous'

Former Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber — who said that he does not believe Ford harbours any ill will against Jews — said that perhaps somewhere, many generations ago, Karla Ford has Jewish relatives and the lineage was passed on to her. But for Doug Ford to claim she is Jewish, he said, is "totally disingenuous." He sarcastically said the search might as well go back even further.

"Maybe even Adam and Eve — maybe we're all Jewish," he said. "The more he speaks about this, the more ridiculous it seems."

Ontarians can't afford to wait for pension plan: Minister

Liberal MPP Mitzie Hunter was chosen by the premier to spearhead the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan. ROBERT BENZIE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario's plan for launching a mandatory workplace retirement plan by 2017 is "an ambitions, sometimes daunting challenge," says Mitzie Hunter, the rookie Scarborough-Guildwood MPP who was handed responsibility for implementing the controversial plan.

But Ontarians can't afford to wait, Hunter said in a dinner speech Wednesday to the Second National Summit on Pension Reform, sponsored by Canada's Public Policy Forum.

"Pension coverage is low. Right now, two thirds of workers in Ontario don't have a workplace-based pension plan," Hunter said in her first public address since being named associate minister of finance.

"At the same time, people are not taking full advantage of retirement savings opportunities," she said, noting Ontarians had $280 billion in unused contribution room in Registered Retirement Savings Plans in 2012. "For those who manage to save, traditional investment vehicles like mutual funds often carry high management fees that can erode growth ... On top of that, people are living longer," Hunter said. "When you combine these factors, it's easy to see a growing savings gap and a very uncertain financial future."

The risk is not just to individuals but to business and the wider economy if seniors have less disposable income, she warned. The province would prefer to see the federal government expand the Canadian Pension Plan, she said. But Ottawa has rejected that option, saying now is not the time while the economy is still recovering from the global recession.

Federal Minister of State for Finance Kevin Sorenson this week announced the final steps have been taken to allow the five insurance firms licensed to offer Pooled Registered Pension Plans, to begin signing up employers. PRPPs, which pool savings from more than one employer, are seen as a more cost-effective way to offer retirement schemes to small- and medium-sized businesses.
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The plan

The plan would cover the 3 million Ontarians not currently enrolled in a comparable workplace pension plan.

- Employees would be required to pay 1.9 per cent of their annual earnings, up to a maximum income of $90,000, matched by their employer.
- The private sector fears those funds will disappear from their coffers, as consumers shift their RRSP savings into publicly managed workplace plans.

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German man tells jury about days spent with Magnotta before arrest

Jun Lin murder case. Court hears that Frank Rubert allowed accused into his Berlin home, unaware man was wanted by police

Witness Frank Rubert, left, from Berlin, leaves the courtroom with police investigators after testifying at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta Wednesday in Montreal. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The man who housed Luka Rocco Magnotta in Berlin says the accused murderer had a few thousand euro, no luggage and was reportedly looking for a fresh start after breaking up with a lover.

Frank Rubert told Magnotta's murder trial on Wednesday the entire encounter with Magnotta — online and in person — spanned several days in May and June 2012.

He met Magnotta on a chat website called GayRomeo while looking for a roommate.

Testifying through an interpreter, Rubert said they spent much of their time together shopping, eating and drinking, but did not have sex because Magnotta wasn't his type.

Rubert said he didn't want to bring Magnotta home when he first saw him at the bus station. The native of Scarborough looked greasy and unkempt, but Rubert decided to bring him home because he didn't want to leave him alone in Berlin with nowhere to go.

Magnotta, 32, has pleaded not guilty to five charges in the murder and dismemberment of Chinese student Jun Lin. He has admitted to the acts he's accused of, but is arguing he is not criminally responsible by way of mental disorder.

In the days after the killing, he flew to France before heading to the German capital and hooking up with Rubert.

Rubert told the jury they socialized for four days without anything untoward happening. On the day of Magnotta's arrest, the pair had parted ways for a few hours. During that time, Rubert picked up a newspaper and saw a chilling image inside: a photo of Magnotta with a story describing an international manhunt for his arrest on suspicion of murder.

While Rubert contacted police and waited at a nearby station, an Internet café employee had flagged down police after seeing Magnotta in the café.

"On that day I reflected, and thought how stupid was I to let just anybody come into my apartment without knowing what kind of a person this was," Rubert said, adding the German police wished him a happy birthday after the arrest.

"I replied it's not my birthday and the police said yes, it is, because you could have been the next." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lac-Mégantic. Coroner issues report, says deaths could have been avoided

A Quebec coroner says the deaths of 47 people in the explosion of an oil tanker train in Lac-Mégantic, Que., in July 2013 could have been avoided.

Dr. Martin Clavet issued a report Wednesday for each of the 47 victims. He is urging Ottawa to review its regulations to determine the number of brakes that need to be enabled on trains, and is recommending the federal government ensures trains carrying dangerous materials on a main track have proper supervision. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Smoke rises from railway cars carrying crude oil that derailed in downtown Lac-Mégantic, Que., in July 2013. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Euthanasia

Poll: Canadians strongly support assisted dying

An overwhelming majority of Canadians surveyed in an online poll support assisted dying for those suffering from a terminal illness that results in "unbearable suffering," a pro-euthanasia group said Wednesday, ahead of a Supreme Court of Canada hearing on the issue.

The online survey — commissioned by the group Dying With Dignity Canada and conducted by Ipsos Reid — found that more than 90 per cent of agree with the concept of assisted dying.

"Support in our poll was across every age group, every income bracket, all education levels, both genders and community regardless of size," said Wanda Morris, CEO of Dying With Dignity Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Villagers fleeing after Pakistan-India border fight leaves casualties

Dozens injured. Both India and Pakistan are accusing each other of provoking the latest violence

An injured Indian boy is carried on a stretcher for treatment to a medical college hospital in Jammu, India, following an attack from the Pakistani side of the border in Samba on Wednesday. CHANNI ANAND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Troops trading heavy fire between Pakistan and Indian-controlled Kashmir have plunged civilians on both sides into grief with 18 villagers killed and dozens wounded this week, prompting many to question how two nations committed to a 2003 ceasefire could be targeting civilians while trading blame about who started shooting first.

Tens of thousands of villagers have fled their homes on both sides since Sunday night, when the violence first erupted along the 200-kilometre border between Pakistan's Punjab province and the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir.

The clashes come despite stated desires by both governments on improving ties. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he wanted to engage Pakistan. But relations remain hostile, and in August India cancelled talks with Pakistan after its ambassador met with Kashmiri separatist leaders.

The UN Military Observers Group in India and Pakistan plans to visit the area, the Pakistani military said Tuesday after lodging a protest saying that Indian troops had fired first. India has also accused Pakistan of starting this week's skirmishes, saying it wants to create a distraction to help militants infiltrate into Indian-controlled Kashmir. Pakistan has repeatedly denied this.

Meanwhile, terrified villagers on both sides say they are fed up with the cycle of violence.

"Yet again we are fleeing our homes, leaving behind everything," Darshano Devi said.

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Afghanistan

Five executed for armed robbery, gang rape

Afghan authorities have executed five men who were convicted of armed robbery and gang rape, the Kabul police chief said.

Gen. Mohammad Zahir Zahir says the men were hanged Wednesday. Then-President Hamid Karzai approved the execution order last month on his last day in office, a rare authorization in his more than decade-long tenure.

In August, eight men, some dressed in police uniforms, stopped an Afghan family's car outside Kabul and sexually assaulted four of the women in the family, including one who was pregnant. They were dragged out of the vehicle into an area where their male family members could hear the women screaming.

Seven were sentenced to be executed, but the charges for two were reduced to 20 years in prison. Three suspects remain at large.

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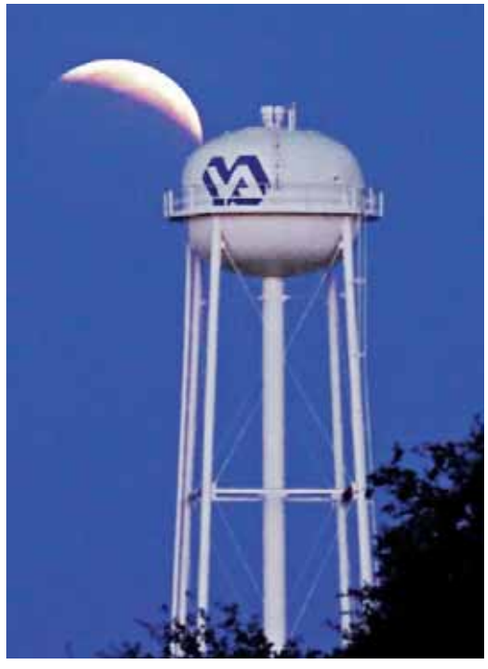

Blood Moon takes over sky

The Earth's shadow is cast over the moon during a total lunar eclipse, behind a hospital's water tower early Wednesday morning in Jackson, Miss. The moon appears orange or red, the result of sunlight scattering off Earth's atmosphere. ROGELIO V. SOLIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

School of horror runaway's coffin dug up bodiless

Florida's Dozier School. Researchers had hoped to perform a skeletal autopsy to find out how boy died in 1925

Anthropologists investigating the deaths of dozens of boys at a closed Florida reform school dug up a decades-old grave in Philadelphia looking for the body of one of the boys only to find a casket filled with wood.

The Tampa Bay Times reported that University of South Florida forensic researchers were expecting to find the body of Thomas Curry, who died in 1925 from what a coroner said was a crushed skull after running away from the Dozier School for Boys in the town of Marianna.

Curry met his death by some railroad tracks near Chattahoochee in 1925, trying to run away after serving just 29 days for delinquency at the hellish reform school some 32 kilometres away.

His body was shipped by train to his grandmother in Philadelphia, where services were held at a Catholic church, and a box was buried at the Old Cathedral Cemetery in West Philadelphia, on top of a casket that held his great-grandmother.

Burial records at the archdiocese say he was "killed by train."

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'Dog boys' go boy hunting

It was common at the Dozier School for Boys for armed guards to search for runaways. School officials referred to it as "boy hunting," a guard said in 2009.

- Sometimes trustees from a nearby prison, known as "dog boys," were called in to help search.
- Former wards have said they were brutally beaten after being caught while trying to escape.

Indonesian cave art is as old as Europe's

Archaeologists say these stencils of hands in a cave in Indonesia are between 35,000 and 40,000 years old, putting them roughly in the same period as drawings found in famous pre-historic art in Europe, according to a new study published Wednesday in the journal Nature. The finding suggests humans had already evolved with the capacity of creating art when they left Africa 65,000 years ago, much earlier than scientists had thought.

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Autopsy settles how twins, 63, died

Twin brothers whose decomposing remains were found in reclining chairs in their Tennessee home earlier this year died from heart disease and diabetes, authorities said Wednesday.

Results of autopsies and toxicology examinations released by the Chattanooga Police Department show Anthony Larry Johnson died as a result of arteriosclerotic heart disease. Shortly afterward, his twin, Andrew Gary Johnson, died of diabetes mellitus.

Andrew Johnson had been relying on his brother to monitor glucose levels and insulin dosage because he was disabled and had severe vision problems, said Chattanooga police. So when Anthony Johnson died, his brother could not treat his illness and he died too.

The skeletal remains of the 63-year-old twins were found in their home on March 29 after a relative asked police to check on the brothers. Officials said the condition of the bodies suggested both men had been dead since 2011.

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Medical staff in Madrid carry a person injured on Wednesday after clashes between riot police and protesters. Protesters were blocking a street to stop a vehicle believed to be transporting a dog belonging to a Spanish nursing assistant infected with Ebola. ANDRES KUDACKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

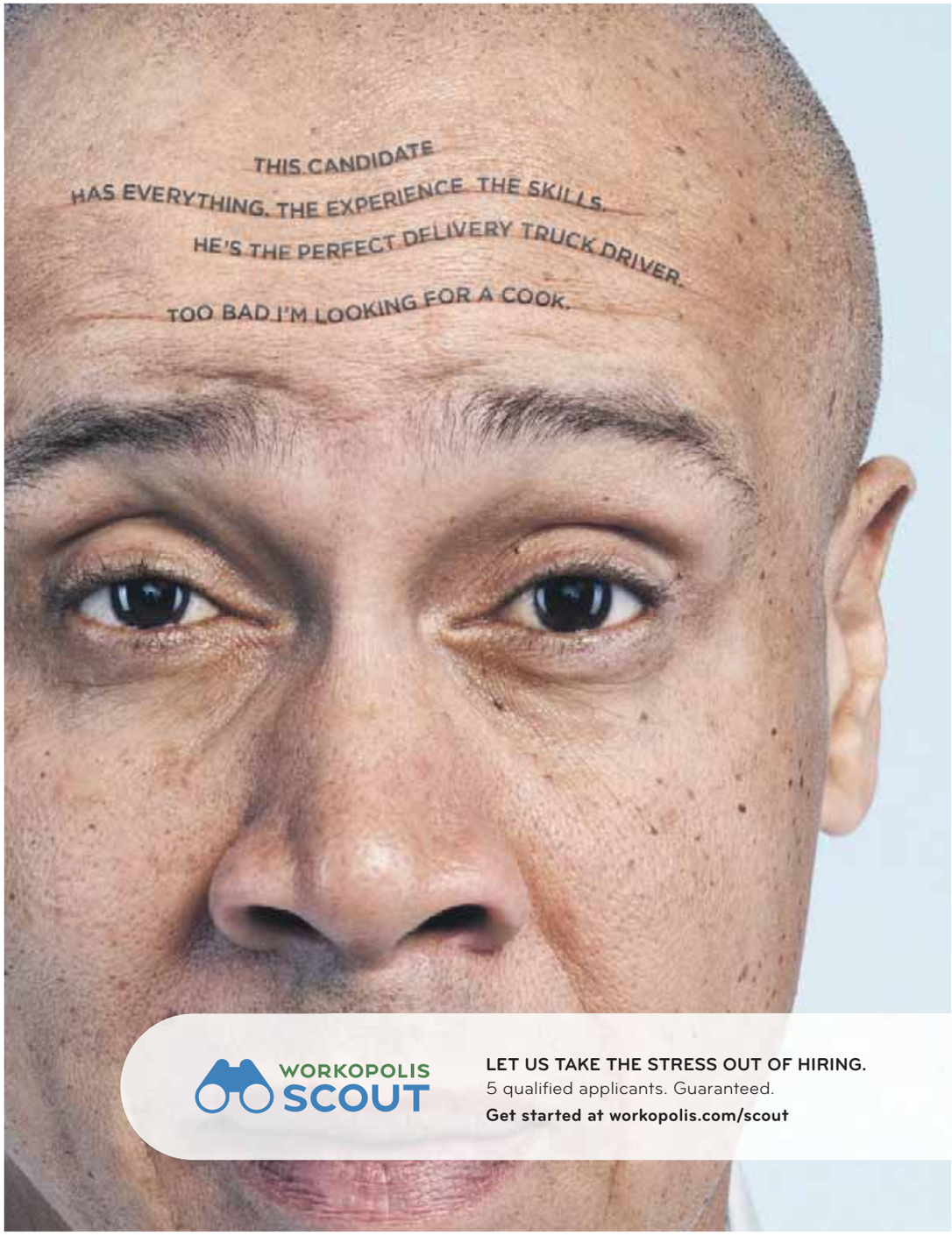
Virus worries. Spain euthanizes dog of Ebola-infected woman

Monkeys, bats and a menagerie of animals can spread Ebola. Now there's worry that dogs — or one dog in particular — might spread it, too. Officials in Madrid got a court order to euthanize the pet of a Spanish nursing assistant who has the deadly virus.

The dog was killed on Wednesday. No case of Ebola spreading to people from dogs has been documented, but "we want to look at all possibilities," said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taking precautionary steps

A teacher uses a thermometer to check the temperature of students at Wednesday. Spotting any symptoms early is a key factor in treating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Ebola victim see his son

'Dealing with the sorrow.' Visit to the U.S. represented decades of effort in West Africa

Thomas Eric Duncan, the first Ebola patient diagnosed in the United States, grew up next to a leper colony in Liberia and was forced to flee from years of war before returning to his country, years later, to find it ravaged by the disease that ultimately took his life as well.

Duncan, 42, arrived in Dallas, Texas, in late September, realizing a long-held ambition to join relatives. He came to attend the high-school graduation of his son, who was born in a refugee camp in Ivory Coast and was brought to the U.S. as a toddler when the boy's mother successfully applied for resettlement.

"His son had told his mother, 'I want to see my dad. Can we help my dad to come?' And they fixed his papers to come to this country," said Duncan's brother Wilfred Smallwood.

The trip was the culmination of decades of effort, friends and family members said. But when Duncan arrived in Dallas, though he showed no symptoms, he had already been exposed to Ebola. Duncan's life reflected the common hardships of many Liberians who fled or endured the country's 14 years of civil war.

Duncan's half-sister, Mai Wureh, had arrived with her husband in the U.S. in 1989, shortly before Charles Taylor's invasion, and helped her family apply for resettlement there, but the application was denied.

Duncan, Smallwood and about 20 other

as Ebola virus spreads

Aiyetoro African Church Nursery and Primary school in Lagos, Nigeria on Ebola patients, according to health experts. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

wanted to graduate

family members fled in the opposite direction from Taylor, to a refugee camp outside the Ivorian border city of Danane. It was there that Duncan met Louise Troh.

"We all lived in Ivory Coast in the refugee camp, and by 1994, they were boyfriend and girlfriend," said Thomas Kwenah, a lifelong friend.

When Troh's resettlement application was approved, she took the couple's three-year-old son, Karsiah, and moved first to Boston and later to Dallas, but Duncan's visa application continued to be denied. Along with relatives, Duncan migrated from Danane to Bududuram, a sprawling, city-like refugee camp in Ghana.

This year, Duncan was summoned to the U.S. In a recent conversation, Kwenah said, Duncan had confided that he "wanted to marry that girl in Dallas."

Thomas Eric Duncan
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Duncan arrived at Troh's apartment in Dallas on Sept. 20.

Troh said in a statement Wednesday that she is "dealing with the sorrow and anger" that Karsiah Duncan was unable to visit Duncan at the hospital Tuesday evening, and so never saw his father again.

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Screening

Canada to step up border checks for Ebola virus

Minister of Health Rona Ambrose says border agents will start to use targeted temperature screens in an effort to prevent people sick with the disease from entering the country.

The U.S. government also says it will start to use enhanced airport screening for incoming passengers at the five airports that handle most flights from the affected West African countries.

That word comes on the same day it was announced that the Liberian man hospitalized with Ebola in Dallas, Texas, had died.

Canada gets few travellers from the affected countries; only 1.5 per cent of all travel from the three countries comes to Canada.

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NewLink Genetics

Vaccine maker working fast

With talk turning to the idea that Ebola vaccines and drugs may be needed to quell the West African outbreak, the tiny U.S. company that holds the licence for a Canadian-made vaccine says it is working as fast as it can to get that option tested and ready for use. NewLink Genetics says at least five clinical trials involving the vaccine, known as VSV-EBOV, will soon be under way in the United States, Germany, Switzerland and in an unnamed African country which is not battling Ebola. As well, the Canadian government has said it wants to conduct a trial in this country.

Vaccine for these studies will be provided by the Canadian government, said a spokesperson for NewLink, which is based in Ames, Iowa.

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Nose spray option could improve flu vaccination rates

Just as effective. Tests show immune system responses are the same between nasal and injection methods

FluMist flu vaccinations are as effective as classic injections, according to a study released Wednesday.

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Do-it-yourself flu vaccine? It could happen. Military folks who squirted the vaccine up their noses were as well-protected as others who got it from health workers, a study found.

There's no reason civilians couldn't do the same for children who might be less scared if the vaccine was given by a parent, the study leader said.

"A parent could easily administer it. You can't go wrong," and having a do-it-yourself option might improve vaccination rates, said Eugene Millar of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Rockville, Md.

So far, only health professionals are allowed to give MedImmune's FluMist, the only nasal spray flu vaccine.

Over the last two flu seasons, more than 1,000 service members and their families got the vaccine at military hospitals in San Diego and San Antonio, either by a health-care worker or simply by themselves.

Blood tests showed no difference in immune responses among groups receiving the spray in contrast to injections.

The vaccine comes in prefilled syringes with stoppers dividing the dose in half — one for each nostril.

While it's easy to administer, it's not ready for widespread use and requires "an appropriately designed study that shows equal efficacy (and) safety" before being endorsed for use on children, said Dr. Jonathan Temte, a University of Wisconsin family medicine specialist who heads a panel that advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on vaccine policy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A study led by scientists at Lawson Health Research Institute showed that probiotic yogurt can reduce the absorption of certain heavy metals and environmental toxins by as much as 78 per cent in pregnant women. They have said it's the first clinical evidence that yogurt can cut the health risks of mercury and arsenic.

"We can't help being exposed to toxic substances in the environment," said Dr. Gregor Reid, a scientist at Lawson and at Western University. "The idea was, could we use a simple food to at least reduce the risk that, if we do consume something, it minimizes the net adverse outcome?"

Toxins like mercury and arsenic are common in water and food, especially fish. The problem is greatest in areas where there is mining and agriculture, and in the developing world where industry isn't always well-regulated.

The effect can be severe. Chronic exposure to heavy metals has been linked to some cancers, and delayed development in children. But, Lawson said, 15 per cent of reproductive-age women in Canada have levels of mercury that could pose a risk to their children.

That's where the yogurt comes in. The research suggests its bacteria can help. Let's put the words "lactobacillus rhamnosus GR-1" right here, then move on to other words we all understand.

Dr. Reid, with Western graduate students and Lawson trainees Jordan Bisanz and Megan Enos, assessed 44 school-aged children and 60 pregnant women living in Mwanza, Tanzania, near Lake Victoria.

They found that children positive outcomes, however the statistics didn't support scientific results. For pregnant women, the yogurt protected them from mercury by up to 36 per cent and arsenic by 78 per cent. **MIKE DONACHIE/METRO IN LONDON, ONT.**

North Carolina

Cops mistake foster son for burglar

Police mistook a black teenager for a thief and pepper-sprayed him inside the North Carolina home of his white foster parents, authorities said Wednesday.

Responding to a neighbour's report of a break-in, police said they used pepper spray Monday when 18-year-old DeShawn Currie "became profane, threatening and belligerent" and "refused to follow instructions" from officers.

Currie's foster parents, Ricky and Stacy Tyler, said he has been with them for about a year. The Tylers, their three young children and Currie moved into their new home in July and don't know all their neighbours in the suburban Raleigh town of Fuquay-Varina, the Tylers said.

Police said there had been a spate of crimes in the area recently. Authorities said when they entered the house, Currie produced identification showing another address.

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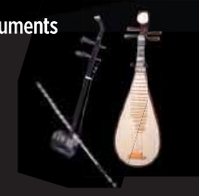
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Death-with-dignity laws

Woman with brain cancer plans to end her own life

Brittany Maynard will not live to see if her advocacy makes a difference.

The 29-year-old woman expects to die no later than Nov. 1. If the brain cancer from which she suffers does not kill her in October, she plans to take advantage of Oregon's Death with Dignity Act and end her own life on first of November.

Maynard and her husband, Dan Diaz, uprooted from California and moved north because Oregon allows terminally ill patients to end their lives with lethal medications prescribed by a doctor. A nationwide media campaign featuring Maynard's story began Monday, and has gone viral.

"I can't even tell you the amount of relief that it provides me to know that I don't have to die the way that it's been described to me, that my brain tumour would take me on its own," she says in an online video.

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Wedding hopes dashed for Idaho's gay couples

Temporary stay.
Supreme Court justice hits pause after state's emergency request

Joshua Gunter, right, and Bryan Shields attend a rally on Tuesday to celebrate a ruling that overturned Nevada's gay marriage ban. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wedding chapels in Las Vegas readied for a flood of gay couples on Wednesday as bans on same-sex marriage were imposed and lifted in dizzying fashion.

But in a sign of the uncertainty over gay marriage across the U.S., clerks who had gender-neutral marriage licences all ready to issue were waiting to hear whether they should start.

The uncertainty in the self-proclaimed wedding capital of the world spread across the U.S. as the Supreme Court allowed same-sex couples in Nevada to exchange vows but blocked those in Idaho from doing the same.

However, in Nevada, the county clerk at the Las Vegas marriage bureau has decided against issuing same-sex marriage licences. Clark County Clerk Diana Alba Alba says they all want to be on the same page.

Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's order temporarily halting gay marriage came a little more than an hour after Idaho on Wednesday filed an emergency request for an immediate stay. The state's request said that without a stay, state and county officials would have been required to begin issuing marriage licenCes to same-sex couples Wednesday morning.

In Idaho, one couple was a few feet away from the clerk who could help make their union official when their attorney was told it wasn't happening.

Amber Beierle, one of the eight women who sued the state over the gay marriage ban, had hoped to marry her partner, Rachael.

She said the hardest part was calling her mom to tell her she wasn't going to be able to get married after all.

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THE WAIT IS OVER

Adult Onset

by Ann-Marie MacDonald

After more than 10 years, best-selling Canadian author Ann-Marie MacDonald makes her triumphant return to fiction with *Adult Onset*. The novel centers around Mary Rose MacKinnon and her family. As stress mounts in her life Mary Rose begins to rethink her childhood memories leading her to question how her past is impacting both her life and her children's. A piercing look at motherhood, memory, family and how we choose to live.

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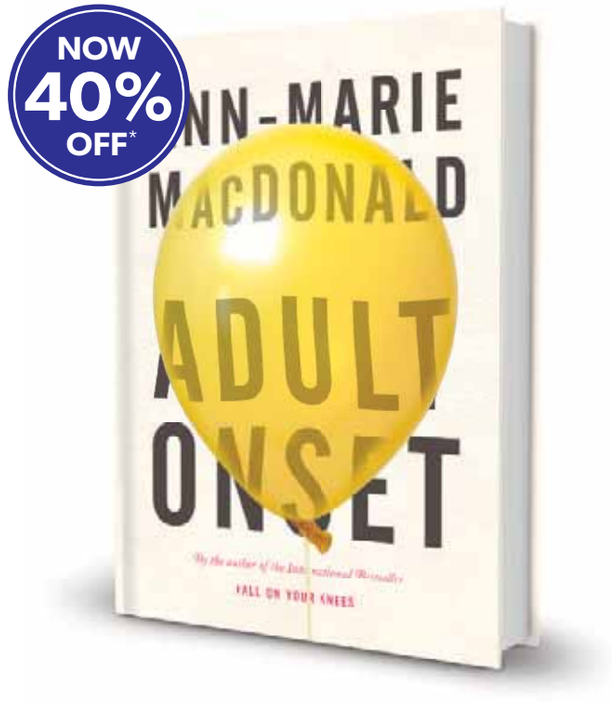

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Conrad Black to speak at OSC

Ontario Securities Commission. Panel will allow the former media mogul to testify, but does not want either side to rehash old news

Conrad Black will be allowed to tell his side of the Hollinger Inc. story at an Ontario Securities Commission hearing later this week in an attempt to show he poses no threat to capital markets.

The OSC panel also agreed Wednesday to allow testimony from two other witnesses proposed by the former newspaper publisher, including his one-time secretary.

However, the regulator emphasized that it doesn't want lawyers to revisit issues that have already been through the U.S. legal system.

Conrad Black in Toronto on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The OSC hearings must not "recharacterize the evidence of the U.S. proceedings," OSC commissioner Christopher Portner told lawyers for both sides.

The decisions by the regulator started the wheels rolling on a long-delayed process that was sidelined for nearly a decade as Black faced numerous fraud-related criminal charges in the U.S. and ultimately served time in prison for two of them.

The hearings also include allegations against former Hollinger chief financial officer John Boultbee, who was convicted of one count of fraud in the U.S.

Black attended the proceedings this week in anticipation that he will have a chance to speak before the commission, while Boultbee joined by teleconference from his home in British Columbia.

Black's testimony is scheduled to begin Friday.

"We'll have no problem dealing with this," Black said, in a brief comment as he left the courtroom.

The former media mogul, who gave up his Canadian citizenship in order to accept an appointment to the British House of Lords in 2001, has always insisted that he didn't break the law.

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Online meddlers can't run and can't hide from WikiWash

In March 2014, Metro's digital team headed to Toronto's inaugural edition of Techraking, a data journalism crash course sponsored by Google, the Center for Investigative Reporting and The Working Group. The prize at the end was a sizeable chunk of TWG's time to develop a data journalism tool pitched by an attending team. Metro's team won over the judges, and WikiWash is the result.

Metro digital reporter Luke Simcoe demonstrates the WikiWash program in Toronto Wednesday. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

What is WikiWash?

- WIkiWash is a search engine that reveals the edit history of a Wikipedia entry. To learn which users have been editing a page, simply paste the link or type the title into WikiWash's search field.
- WikiWash will then provide you with a chronological list of edits made to that page, including the handle or IP address of the person behind it. Clicking on each edit's summary will highlight the specific changes that were made, be it simply correcting a typo, or something a little shadier.
- So what to do with all these edit histories? Well, that's up to you.

LUKE SIMCOE
Metro Online

According to itself, Wikipedia is the fifth-most popular website on Earth.

It boasts a staggering 21 billion monthly page views and the English edition alone contains 4.6 million articles — 100 times that of Encyclopedia Britannica.

Since its inception in 2001, Wikipedia has become the Internet era's de facto archive. However, with that status comes great responsibility, for a single malicious or incorrect edit can ripple outwards, carried into the broader discourse by the 500 million people who visit the site each month.

One of the earliest hoaxes on Wikipedia occurred in 2005. An article on U.S. journalist John Seigenthaler falsely claimed he was a suspect in the Kennedy assassination. The entry remained online for six months before being discovered, and the ensuing outcry led the Wikimedia Foundation to ban unregistered users from creating pages.

Two years later, a 24-year-old Caltech student named Virgil Griffith created WikiScanner, an online tool that linked changes made by anonymous Wikipedia editors to the organizations from which the changes were made. Griffith's tool revealed edits made from IP addresses connected to numerous governments, businesses and agencies, including the CIA, the Vatican and the Canadian government.

Griffith said he developed WikiScanner "to create minor public relations disasters for companies and organizations I dislike (and) to see what 'interesting organizations' (which I am neutral towards) are up to."

Most of the edits discovered by WikiScanner were harmless, but it was a wake-up call. The public learned governments and corporations had Wikipedia on their radar and weren't above meddling with it to preserve their image.

There are currently 287 language editions of Wikipedia, meaning spin and vandalism on the site is truly a global issue. (Check out the map on the next page to see some editing controversies from around the world.)

As Wikipedia's audience continues to grow, so too does the capacity for political and corporate spin on the site. Earlier this year, a WikiMedia employee was fired after being caught editing entries on behalf of paying clients. In July, media outlets reported computers linked to the Kremlin were editing the Wikipedia article on Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 to downplay Russia's possible role in the crash.

"It's not really surprising," said Wikimedia spokesperson Katherine Maher.

"A place that's relied on by so many is also a place where you'll find those with an interest, an agenda or a point of view that's not neutral."

With that in mind, Metro News has created WikiWash. Designed in the spirit of WikiScanner, the tool takes things a step further by allowing users to track edits to Wikipedia in real time. And unlike other tools, WikiWash displays edits on the Wikipedia page itself, putting any changes in context.

While tools like WikiWash have historically revealed Wikipedia's vulnerabilities, Maher believes they're a valuable part of the project.

"We're always excited when we see them," she said. "They're really an extension of the intent of Wikipedia. If you start giving people open tools to create and share knowledge and participate in democracy, then the sky's the limit on what they'll actually do with them."

Ed Summers, creator of the @CongressEdits Twitter account, agrees. The automated account tweets edits made by IP addresses assigned to the U.S. Congress. The project has spawned clones across the world, including Canada.

"I created @congressedits because I hoped it could engender more, better ideas and tools like it. More thought experiments. More care for our communities and peoples," Summers wrote in a recent blog post.

It's a lofty goal, and one that prompted Metro to create WikiWash. Whether it's uncovering a political conspiracy, or just learning more about what makes Wikipedia tick, we're excited to see how readers make use of WikiWash.

Check it out and let us know what you find at wikiwash@metronews.ca.

Online coverage

Follow @MetroNewsCanada on Twitter to find out when WikiWash will be available.

Background

The seeds of an idea

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It all started because we thought it would be fun to map the sort of chicanery Toronto's absurdly partisan politics inspired on Wikipedia.

Shortly after Metro's digital team arrived at Techraking, we were assigned a fairly simple task: Come up with a data journalism pitch to throw your freshly tuned techniques at.

Our kernel was telling the story of Toronto's municipal election through Wikipedia edits. What invented indiscretions would worm their way into our notorious incumbent's entry? If somebody was spotted sowing confusion on a candidate's page, what other entries had drawn their attention?

That kernel went on to be heated by several rounds of prodding and encouragement from our Center for Investigative Reporting and The Working Group hosts.

They challenged us to expand our idea and cast our eye toward Wikipedia itself. The site's open nature is its greatest strength and its greatest weakness.

A way to easily sort what entries are being targeted by ill-intentioned edits, where the edits are being made from and even how they're being corrected could go a long way to taming the more damaging aspects of Wikipedia's crowdsourcing model.

So it was time to think big. How much data could realistically be scraped from Wikipedia? Would we be able to search a constellation of pages to dig up potential patterns? What's the best way to display it?

Eventually, chats with our hosts grew shorter and the question primarily became, "Wait, this doesn't already exist?"

It didn't. Now it does. WikiWash still has a distance to go before it becomes what we think it can be, but we couldn't be happier to share it with you while we watch it grow.

A brief history of Wikipedia editing gone awry

B.C. parliament buildings

Ahead of the 2013 B.C. provincial election, an edit war erupted on the Wikipedia entries for Liberal Premier Christy Clark and NDP Leader Adrian Dix. Partisan supporters on both sides were accused of grooming the leaders' pages, removing any mention of past scandals.

U.S. House of Representatives

In 2005, the IP address assigned to the U.S. House of Representatives was blocked from editing Wikipedia due to "a deliberate attempt to compromise the integrity of the encyclopedia."

U.K. parliament

In March 2012, it was discovered that U.K. MPs or their staff had made almost 10,000 edits to the encyclopedia. Many of the changes dealt with removing unflattering details from Wikipedia during the 2009 expenses scandal.

Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17

In July 2014, the Daily Telegraph reported that IP addresses belonging to the Russian government had edited articles related to Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 to remove claims that it had helped provide the missile system used to shoot down the aircraft.

California Institute of Technology

In 2007, Caltech student Virgil Griffith created WikiScanner, a tool that cross-referenced edits to Wikipedia and the organizations from which the changes were made. Griffith's tool revealed potentially spurious editing conducted by addresses linked to numerous governments, businesses or agencies, ranging from the CIA to the Vatican.

Gulf of Mexico

In March 2013, it was revealed that an employee of British Petroleum (BP) was editing the company's Wikipedia page following the massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Croatia

In September 2013, newspapers reported that the Croatian-language edition of Wikipedia had been hijacked by a group intent on promoting anti-gay sentiment. The malicious edits prompted the country's minister of education to issue a warning to students not to trust the content of the site.

Goa, India

In January 2013, an article on the "Bicholim conflict" — an alleged war in the Indian Goa — was revealed to be a complete fabrication. Prior to the revelation, the article had been listed in good standing for more than five years.

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Virgin America faces turbulence on Wall St.

Up in the air. While passengers love the airline, investors are not quite as bullish

Virgin America's seat-to-seat cocktail delivery service is demonstrated in San Francisco in 2013. VIRGIN AMERICA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Passengers cherish Virgin America for its mood lighting, live TV, fancy cocktails and friendly flight attendants. That nice-guy approach to air travel wins awards and attracts a cult following, but may not fly with Wall Street.

For all the accolades, Virgin America has lost $400 million US since its founding in 2007.

As Virgin America weighs a public offering there are warning signs for potential investors. Its brand-new aircraft come with a hefty debt load and the airline has failed to attract big-spending business travellers. To increase revenue — and satisfy shareholders — the airline might eventually be forced to take actions, such as raising fees, which risk alienating passengers.

After all, the darlings of Wall Street are Spirit Airlines and Allegiant Air — two of the most unpleasant airlines to fly. Their seats don't recline and legroom seems nonexistent. Using overhead bins costs extra. But their profit margins, north of 10 per cent, are the best in the business.

Meanwhile, there is JetBlue Airways. Once a customer favourite, it's now — amid lagging profits — facing relentless market pressure to add bag fees and cram more passengers onto planes.

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Called 'cramming'

AT&T to pay $105M for billing people for bogus charges

AT&T wireless customers may want to take a closer look at their old phone bills because they may have money coming back to them.

The Federal Trade Commission in the U.S. said Wednesday that AT&T Mobility LLC, a subsidiary of the telecom giant, has agreed to a hefty $105 million US settlement after the government accused the company of unlawfully billing customers for hundreds of millions of dollars in bogus charges.

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Alleged false claim

Feds seek return of $240,000 in oil spill claim money

The investigator of the BP oil spill claims process is seeking the return of nearly $240,000 US from an Alabama man and his maritime business.

A federal court filing says the man claimed to have made the bulk of his 2009 income for himself and his business from shrimping — revenue that was shut off by the 2010 Gulf oil spill. The filing contends most of the 2009 revenue actually came from marine debris cleanup work. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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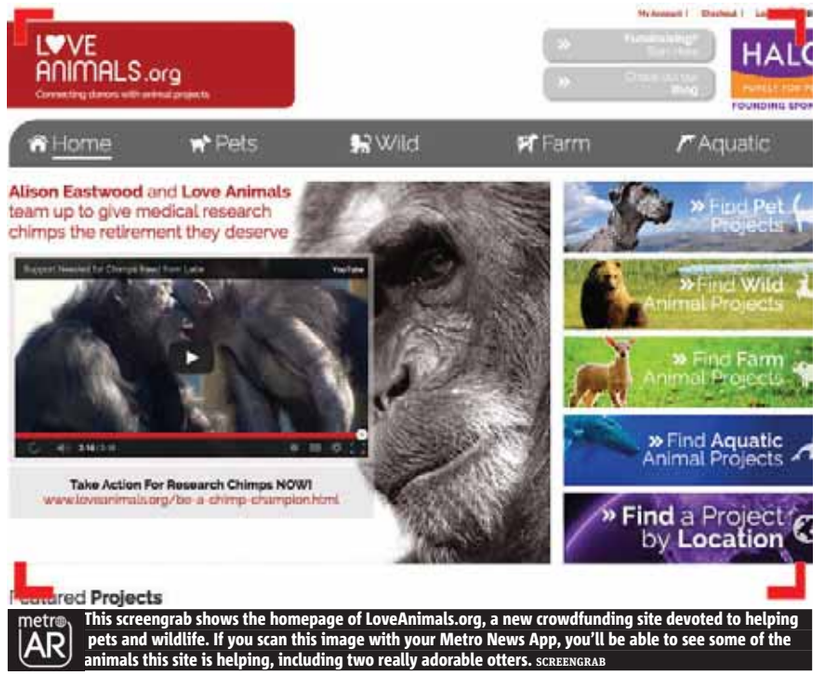

metro AR This screengrab shows the homepage of LoveAnimals.org, a new crowdfunding site devoted to helping pets and wildlife. If you scan this image with your Metro News App, you'll be able to see some of the animals this site is helping, including two really adorable otters. SCREENGRAB

A large number of small online donations can turn pet projects into big lifesavers for animals.

LoveAnimals.org, a year-old crowdfunding site, is believed to be the first devoted to aiding just pets and wildlife. It has tapped into the power of online contributions, where people can give what they can, whether $5 or $500 US, to help a more costly project come to fruition. Through Love Animals, donors can help non-profit sanctuaries, pet rescues, animal hospitals, zoos and aquariums provide care and extra amenities for dogs, elephants, otters, horses and everything in between.

Animal efforts appear on other sites using the popular crowdfunding technique, such as Indiegogo, Kickstarter and Gofundme, but they are mixed with non-animal causes and for-profit companies. In July, the ResQwalk mobile app launched through Indiegogo, allowing people to raise money for animal rescues and shelters in the U.S. and Canada every time they go walking.

"It's easier to get many people to give small sums of money than to get just a few people to give you large amounts of money," said Sarah Timms, a Colorado attorney who founded LoveAnimals.org.

The site gave a new chance at life to a kitten named Roger, who was thrown from a moving car in Colorado in early September and required a leg amputation.

Longmont Humane Society in Colorado, which took in the one-pound kitten, doubled its goal of $650 in less than 24 hours of online fundraising. Twenty people donated between $5 and $375 through Love Animals to help pay for medical bills and rehab for Roger.

Love Animals, which will only post animal campaigns that come through a non-profit organization, recently got a boost from Ellen DeGeneres' natural pet food company. Halo, Purely for Pets became the site's first founding corporate sponsor, a five-year commitment that came with a cash infusion.

Whether the cause is a companion animal like Roger, who was adopted on Oct. 3, or saving chimpanzees, farm animals or dolphins, it appears on LoveAnimals.org, Timms said.

Carole Baskin, the CEO of Big Cat Rescue, which she founded in Florida 22 years ago, used Love Animals to raise money for a fence extension that would foil a female tiger's escape attempts and allow her to join her siblings in the sanctuary's new outdoor enclosure.

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SO HIP IT HURTS: A SUPERFAN'S TIMELINE

HE SAYS
John Mazerolle
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Maybe the clearest sign I'm getting older is that my favourite band is getting older, too. I am *38 Years Old*, after all.

The Tragically Hip's library isn't the Library of Alexandria or anything, but they've been around long enough that they're about to re-release a 22-year-old album. I find this depressing, fully and completely.

Even the way I discovered The Hip is old school. I was at my old school listening to a mixtape on a Walkman, when I heard a song with a bass groove so deep I dove right in. It was At the Hundredth Meridian, where my great fandom begins.

Since then, I've seen the Hip in Holland and Las Vegas and, God help me, Moncton. I've talked to four of them, including a conversation with bassist Gord Sinclair in which he told me they're still together because 'We're men, not boys.'

I'd best not squeal, then, I thought, as I nodded solemnly.

I've tried not to be That Fan, but it's hard. I went to a movie theatre to see a one-off closed-circuit thing the band was doing, and I was stopped by a cameraman on the way in to ask my thoughts for the nightly news.

What I wanted to say: "The Hip were the first rock band to use Canadian iconography in their songs, which eventually led to the group becoming iconic themselves." What I actually said: "They're, like, icons, man. Awesome."

I didn't thrust a beer in the air and yell "WHOO!" though, so, you know, small victories.

My extreme fandom's never stopped. I know more about the Hip than any normal person should. Here's a timeline of their career, completely off the top of my head:

- **Sept. 15, 1981:** The band gets together in high school, spurred on by the typical Canadian dream of forming a group that is 40 per cent Gords.
- **Feb. 28, 1983:** The band chooses the name The Tragically Hip after watching a 1980s Saturday Night Live sketch of the same name, beating out close contenders "Land Shark" and "Roseanne Rosannadanna."
- **July 2, 1986:** Lead singer Gord Downie has a day that he later says inspired much of his songwriting, when some Bobcaygeon thugs lock him in the trunk of a car.
- **Aug. 9, 1987:** The band releases its second single, kicking off the well-loved fan ritual of saying, "They're good, but not as good as they used to be."
- **March 17, 1994:** The band is nearly torn apart by drummer Johnny Faye's double-double addiction.
- **Aug. 29, 2005:** Years of alleged fear mongering are vindicated when New Orleans begins sinking. FEMA offers the band a direct apology.

That timeline isn't strictly true, if you want to be a slave to the dictionary definition. But it does highlight my obsessive, silly fandom, and why I still like the band so much after so many years: They make me feel young. Or as renowned rock critic Lester Bangs

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So I'm a little torn about the Nutcracker soundtrack playing over this kangaroo fight. At first, I was indignant. Sure, the comedic value is plain. But it's also a disservice to anybody who hasn't heard what must be the magnificent sounds produced by a kangaroo boxing match. But by the time it was all over, I realized I'd hardly blinked and my heart was soaring. So, well played, Rodney Langham.(Rodney Langham/YouTube)

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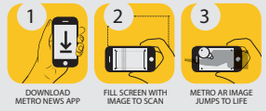

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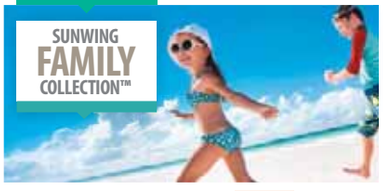

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Indie Week gives musicians a good shot at their big break

Emerging artists. Close to 300 musicians will vie for a coveted spot at a music festival in Ireland next year

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Indie Week runs from Oct. 15 to 19 at various venues across the city. CONTRIBUTED

In music, the term "indie" used to mean that a band was literally independent — they had no record deal or other industry professionals helping them out. Nowadays, indie says more about a band's sound than its status in the industry.

"It seems like everybody is indie, even if they're signed," says Darryl Hurs, founder of Indie Week, a five-day music fest focused on helping new artists still in the indie faze of their career, in the more classic sense.

Now in its 11th year, Indie Week was born out of Hurs' experiences with his former band, Spokane Jupiter in the early 2000s. Unlike high-profile fests Canadian Music Week and North By Northeast, Indie Week guarantees that at least three people from the "industry" — record labels, producers, publicists, members of the media — will see each of the participating bands.

These reps vote on their favourite acts and the winner wins a slot on Indie Week's sister fest in Ireland next year.

"You just get lost in the sea of bands," he says about similar industry-driven events. "It's really hard to make an impact or get noticed."

More than 600 applicants were whittled down to about 270 artists says Hurs.

He and two colleagues personally curate the fest each year. "We're very selective in who we pick."

Despite its name and approach, Hurs shies away from using the word indie when describing the kind of artists who take part in Indie Week.

It's a loaded term, with different meanings for different people. He prefers to describe Indie Week bands as "emerging."

"They're a step above the regular band that you see playing in bars, but they haven't had that break yet," he explains. "You get a sense that they have a chance at going to the next level."

Indie Week runs from Oct 15 to 19 at venues across the city. For details, go to canada.indieweek.com.

More music

Running almost concurrently with Indie Week is the Music Gallery's ninth-annual X-Avant New Music Festival. The long-running venue, located in St. George the Martyr Church in Grange Park, is known for championing not just new and emerging musicians, but new and emerging styles of music. This year's fest is no different. Working within the theme "transculturalism" and in collaboration with other T.O.-based groups like Wavelength and the Uma Note Fest, the eclectic lineup features a tribute to New York's DJ/Rupture, and appearances by genre-bending Canadian artists like Lido Pimienta and Poirier. X-Avant runs from Oct. 16 to 19. For details, check out musicgallery.org.

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Steve Carell talks tech and teenagers

Alexander. Actor's new family-friendly affair has him thinking about cellphone rules

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Steve Carell has been busy promoting both the family-friendly Disney flick Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day and Bennett Miller's gritty true-life drama Foxcatcher, which wowed at Cannes and Toronto and hits theatres next month. Luckily, Carell hasn't had any trouble keeping the two films straight.

All the kids in Alexander have iPhones, which struck me as odd, but then I don't have children. Is there a right age for that?
It's different for different people. As for my family, we have limits. I think you have to have limits and you have to put parameters on that sort of usage. You want your kids to be engaged with other human beings — that's always a nice thing. Our daughter got her cellphone when she was 12. So when she entered seventh grade, she got a cellphone. And I think that's fairly common. I think for a while it was 16 or even older, but I think all of her friends at this point have cellphones. They're not allowed to use them in class or anything; they're really there for emergencies. "I need to come home, pick me up" kind of stuff.

And I assume there's a lot of peer pressure once other kids have them.
Yeah, certainly. Technology's changed a lot. Since I was a kid, the world is upside down technologically. I think parents are just navigating uncharted territory at this point.

My mom got me a pager when I was in high school.
And now I know exactly when you grew up (laughs). Because the lifespan of pagers was not a long one.

Longer than MiniDiscs, at least.
Oh yeah. I'm sure they don't make MiniDiscs anymore. I've heard, though, that vinyl is making a comeback, that digital music has sort of peaked and that vinyl is making a huge surge right now. I always loved album artwork. That to me is sort of a lost art; what album covers look like and just the feel of it.

You've also been promoting Foxcatcher, out later this fall, which is a very grown-up, Oscar-friendly drama. How do questions for the two films differ?
Well, I mean, the movies are just so tonally different, and one is based on a true story so there is, I think, much more responsibility involved.

Alexander isn't a true story?
It could be! I'm not saying it's not a true story. A familiar story, to be sure. Let's say that. Certainly the questions I think we're going to be asked are different. The whole approach to it is different. It's light, fun family entertainment, and it's a comedy.

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Killing Jesus. National Geographic announces all-star cast for TV movie

After Killing Lincoln and Killing Kennedy, the cable network is prepping a TV movie adapted from the third book in Bill O'Reilly's non-fiction series, Killing Jesus.

Details on the cast have just been revealed.

National Geographic has announced a star-studded cast for its retelling of the life of Jesus of Nazareth through political, social and historical events.

Haaz Sleiman (The Visitor, Nurse Jackie) will headline as Jesus, joined by Stephen Moyer (True Blood) as Pontius Pilate, Kelsey Grammer as King Herod, Emmanuelle Chriqui (Entourage) as Herodia and John Rhys Davies (Sliders, Lord of the Rings) as Annas.

The cast will also feature Alexis Rodney, Rufus Sewell, Stephanie Leonidas and John Lynch, among others.

After hitting new record viewer numbers with Killing Lincoln and Killing Kennedy, National Geographic is betting big on Killing Jesus, which will air in 2015 in 171 countries and 45 languages. The TV movie hails from the same producers as the Emmy-nominated Killing Kennedy, including executive producer Bill O'Reilly. **AFP**

Haaz Sleiman will play Jesus in Killing Jesus. GETTY IMAGES

Hollywood

Get your Iron Man story straight, Robert!

Speculation is building around Robert Downey Jr.'s role in future Iron Man instalments after conflicting quotes have emerged from U.S. talk shows. The Iron Man character will continue to appear in Marvel's film franchise, but may not get another solo film for a while. That's the conclusion drawn from apparently contradictory statements that Robert Downey Jr. gave on Tuesday on The Ellen Show. He was asked if there would be a fourth Iron Man movie. "I know there's gonna be a bunch of Marvel movies and they have big ideas of how to do it best, and we're in the middle of negotiation." "So yes?" continued Ellen DeGeneres. "OK, yes," he smiled.

But only a few hours later, he popped up again on The Late Show with David Letterman, where he said, "There's no plans for an Iron Man 4 ... there's no script for Iron Man 4." **AFP**

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Lots of good fortune and a little Bad Blood for England's Bastille

Big breaks. After years of struggle in the U.K., band is enjoying their 'easy' success on this side of the Atlantic

PAT HEALY
Metro World News in Boston

A few winters ago Chris Wood found himself going door-to-door in London, England, distributing flyers to offer his services as a drum teacher. It was, as he describes, a chance at getting out of a career of working at a factory. But fate dealt him a kinder hand, as one of the people who saw his flyer was singer Dan Smith.

"So it happened that he was around that time thinking he should get a band together, and it happened to be that same week that I popped up with the flyer," recounts Wood. "Basically, he rang me up, expecting me to be this 60-year-old man with a beard and he was asking if I had any drum students that would be good, and I was like, 'Nah, dude, I've only got two.'"

And so it goes that Wood — who is affectionately known as Woody — offered his own services and became the drummer for Bastille. Though the band's success in the States has seemed rapid, there were years of struggle in their home country.

"In America, we were very fortunate in that we skipped some steps that most bands have to go through, like the stage where you are playing for 10 people at this bar, and then you drive 20 hours to play for 10 people at this other bar," he says, noting that by the time they had come to the U.S., their debut, Bad Blood, was already at No. 1 in England. "In the U.K., though, we've seen it go from the very basic level where we were playing in pubs to where we are now."

Quoted

"Basically, he rang me up, expecting me to be this 60-year-old man with a beard and he was asking if I had any drum students that would be good ..."
Bastille drummer Chris Wood on being recruited by singer Dan Smith

Where they are now is actually in the studio. When we speak with Wood, he's literally in the kitchen of a recording studio, where the members of Bastille have just completed seven days of recording on their followup to 2013's smash, Bad Blood.

But just because they found success the first time around doesn't mean the four-piece won't tinker with the formula.

"We're using guitars for the very first time," says Wood.

The way that the band members write has also changed. They're now hammering out ideas together for the songs.

"I say songs, but it's really kind of just ideas right now. There are seven or eight at the moment at varying stages of completion," says Wood. "We'd love to play these songs live, but people would be like, 'Why are you playing this half-finished mess?'"

But the process is still new and exciting for Bastille. Wood recalls that the early Bastille compositions were not as inclusive.

"In the beginning, the songs were all actually written in Dan's bedroom and then we'd go in and rehearse and sort of learn the songs. We'd be working all day and then go to the rehearsal space at about 10 at night and play until three in the morning and then get up at seven the next morning to go back to work ... It was obvious we all believed in it early on, and we all stuck with it."

Bastille plays Montreal Oct. 14, Toronto Oct. 15 and Vancouver Nov. 14. CONTRIBUTED

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Nashville's newest star is getting used to the country life

Laura Benanti.
Singer-actress praises Connie Britton's hair and says her co-star is an 'all-around badass'

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Connie Britton, left, and Laura Benanti star in Nashville. GETTY IMAGES

Broadway fans may recognize Nashville's newest guest star from her Tony-award-winning performance in Gypsy, but for TV audiences, Laura Benanti might be most recognizable from her turn as the Baroness on last year's immensely popular Sound of Music Live.

(Twitter fans will just recognize her as an uncommonly funny Twitter presence.)

She is appearing as Sadie Stone, another in Nashville's roster of talented singer-songwriters trying to make it in the tough world of country singers.

We checked in with Benanti about the important things, like how Sadie fits in with the other Nashvilleites, and just how perfect star Connie Britton's hair is in real life.

How would you describe Sadie Stone?
She is a singer-songwriter who's been writing for probably 10 years or so. She's pretty well respected but has never had a big hit on her own.

She's recently had sort of a breakout album that's brought her more mainstream success, so she has some decision-making to do in terms of who she's going to allow to shepherd her into the next phase of her career.

How does she fit in with the rest of the crew?
I think so far she's fitting in pretty great.

One of the things I like about this show is that they celebrate the songwriter.

She's not a flash in the pan.

She's been around for a while, and so people think of her as a true musician, and they respect that.

Will she start getting involved in some of the soapier aspects of the show?
As of right now, I have to say she hasn't.

It's really been awesome and very interesting.

It's been focused less on romance and drama, and more on her career and her friendship with Rayna, her sort of burgeoning friendship with her ...

It is Nashville, so I'm sure that it'll turn into something a little bit more soapier.

Now that you've seen it up close, can you confirm if Connie Britton's hair is really as perfect as it appears to be?
It's like the hair is made of angel's wings. It's so gorgeous.

I don't really understand it. I don't understand how it exists.

She's just doing something right with it.
Even when she comes in with her hair wet, I'm still like, that's the most beautiful hairdo I've ever seen.

And it's just like slicked back. It's maddening.

Does she know people are obsessed with it?
Oh my God, yeah. She thinks it's hilarious.

You've been very vocal about your love of the show on Twitter in the past. Were people excited for you?
It's funny because all my Twitter followers, when I announced that I was doing the show, were like, are you going to be cool? Is Connie Britton going to run away from you?

Are they going to have to hire extra security? I was like, ooh, maybe I need to tone down the old obsession meter.

She seems to have been OK with it. Is she showing you around the country scene?
She's taken me to some pretty cool places around Nashville.

She's like an all around badass. She's just an awesome person.

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Rumer Willis and mom Demi Moore. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Demi lectures daughter on pitfalls of cosmetic surgery

Demi Moore is reportedly reading the riot act to daughter Rumer after the 26-year-old posted an Instagram photo with so prominent a pout that some suspected she'd dabbled in the world of plastic surgery.

Despite speculation over the years that Moore herself has gone under the knife, she "got a few of her daughter's friends together and lectured them about the pitfalls of cosmetic surgery," a source tells the National Enquirer. "Demi thinks all her daughters are naturally beautiful. She worries that Rumer and her sisters feel pressure to chase an unrealistic Hollywood physical ideal."

Morrissey

'I'll rest when I'm dead' Morrissey tells worried fans

British singer Morrissey has revealed he is undergoing treatment for cancer, though he did not specify what type.

"They have scraped cancerous tissues from me four times already, but who cares," the 55-year-old former Smiths frontman tells Spanish newspaper El Mundo. "If I die, then I die. And if not, then I don't. Right now, I feel good. I am aware that in recent photos I look unwell, but that is what illness does. I'm not going to worry about that, I'll rest when I'm dead."

Morrissey has been forced to cancel several concert appearances since the beginning of last year due to various health issues.

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Can you spare a fiver to help London block Nickelback?

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Who says the Internet can't be used as a force for good?

A British man has launched an online crowdfunding campaign with the express purpose of keeping Nickelback from performing in London.

Craig Mandell has set a goal of $1,000, with all contributed funds going to charity, to show the band's management just how much Londoners don't want them around.

For each $1 donation, he will send Nickelback's management an email "kindly requesting that they do not play in London, England, for the foreseeable future."

A $5 donation gets a "slightly more forceful email," and $10 earns an email "full of explicit phrases and lots of capital letters and maybe even a rude emoticon or two."

But for donors really serious about getting their point across, nothing beats the $50 donation level:

"Your donation will result in an email to Nickelback with an attached mp3 of Nickelback's music," Mandell writes.

"This way, the band will hear their own music and likely retire immediately, thereby ensuring the success of our campaign."

Do your part, folks.

Londoners will thank you.

Martha Stewart

Gwyneth Paltrow

Shocked Paltrow 'psyched' that Stewart sees Goop as real competition

This Gwyneth Paltrow-Martha Stewart feud has reached new levels of cattiness, thanks to a recent speech by Paltrow herself.

Apparently the Country Strong star heard Stewart's remarks that Paltrow "just needs to be quiet" and "if she were confident in her acting, she wouldn't be trying to be Martha Stewart."

Paltrow's response? "No one has ever said anything bad about me before, so I'm shocked and devastated. I'll try to recover," she joked while speaking at Fortune magazine's Most Powerful Women Summit earlier this week. "If I'm really honest, I'm so psyched that she sees us as competition."

I can only hope they continue to snipe at each other at increasingly absurd high-brow functions. Keep it classy, ladies.

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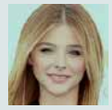

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Clothes: the book on Betty

Written in retail.
Famed Bergdorf personal shopper Betty Halbreich talks closets, mirrors and memories

Betty Halbreich's lays out her life in a new book, I'll Drink to That: A Life in Style with a Twist, co-written by Rebecca Paley and released in September by Penguin Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clothes and how to wear them have been a constant in Betty Halbreich's life for most of her 86 years.

Good thing she landed a job at Bergdorf Goodman as a personal shopper nearly four decades ago.

The opportunity couldn't have been better timed. She was fresh out of a mental hospital after a breakdown following a split with her husband. She had found herself alone in his city — it wasn't hers — for the first time and needed a reason to get out of bed.

Fashion and style loomed large in her proper upbringing as a lonely only child in Chicago.

At the famed department store, it was the thing that saved her life. But with age, she's made a few changes, particularly when it comes to her relationship with clothes.

"I've loved clothes all of my life. I don't love them personally anymore. It's more of a job. Today it's like whatever's in the closet," the blunt-spoken Halbreich said by phone in a recent interview.

Dressing "correctly" has always come easily for Halbreich, especially under the watchful eye of her fastidious mother, so sharing that love by dressing others is about the only job she could have imagined.

Halbreich, with two grown children and three grandchildren, is still on the job, pulling looks for clients from the racks at Bergdorf and preparing to publish a book on her life spent finding the perfect fashions.

Closets have always been a source of comfort to you.

They've played a huge role in your life.
They're my playhouse, like my dollhouse when I was growing up. I can get up in the middle of the night and start doing them. I live in eight rooms. I have 12 closets. I just keep rearranging all the retro clothes backward and forward. Closets and keeping them neat are like a hobby. It's really going back to my childhood. I've had enough psychiatry to tell you.

You have an odd relationship with mirrors. You're surrounded by them all day long at the store.
I do have an odd relationship. My mirror is so terrible at home that when I see myself in a better mirror when I come to work I say, 'My God, Betty. Turn up the lights. Don't walk out in the morning looking like a shadow.'

But clients, I teach how to look in the mirror. It's so interesting. It's a reversal. It's psychological. I've always had a fight with mirrors. I've never liked a mirror image. I've never really liked who I was, you know. I like who I am today because I'm more comfortable.

How do you train somebody to like their image in the mirror?
My mirrors are three-way and most women do not like that three-way mirror thrown at them, where you see your rear end, and you see your side view. But if they're really enamoured of some beautiful piece of clothing it works.

I know what looks good on them the minute they put it on. Look, 37 years of this stupid job, if I don't know that it doesn't look good on them I should really leave.

So you don't live, eat and breathe fashion and shopping?
When I leave the store, I try to live another life. I don't talk about clothes.

I haven't been in Saks since they put the escalator in (that would be 1979). Maybe I'll have to go to Bloomingdale's to buy a pillowcase, but I don't tread in other stores. I find it extremely boring. It's like eating too much candy.

I don't want to bring it home. I'm really not interested.

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Kindred collaboration

Betty Halbreich on her friendship with Girls star Lena Dunham, who's developing a TV series inspired by Halbreich and her book.

- "We're going to have such a good time together if we ever get on with this, whatever we're doing. I feel like she's my other child. We're soulmates in a strange way. We've suffered through some of the same things. We think a lot alike. She's sweeter than I am."

Let's get real

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Fashion on the field

CFL partners with eLUXE on Grey Cup fashion collection

The CFL is hoping to fuse the worlds of football and fashion with a new collection geared toward female fans.

The league is partnering with homegrown online retailer eLUXE on the #MyGreyCup collection. Canadian fashion bloggers and style mavens have been enlisted to create and promote their own Grey Cup-specific designs that will be sold on eLUXE leading up to the CFL championship game next month.

The collection will consist of between six and eight designs on items to be produced in North America such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, totes, ponchos and silver jewelry.

The 102nd Grey Cup will take place at B.C. Place in Vancouver on Nov. 30.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Chrissy

Age: 27

Occupation: Music venue promoter

What she's wearing:
American Apparel cheetah top, vintage pants and shoes from Timeless Apparel, and vintage sunglasses from Public Butter.

Her inspiration:
"David Bowie in the '70s."

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Trends Report

We've been experiencing a blast from the past as retro fashion trends are making a comeback. Go online to Trends Report to check out some of the these trends, and let me know which you love — and which you hate.

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Do sweat the stylish stuff

Summer is officially a wrap. The one thing keeping us from tearing up over the end of beach days and sunsets at 8 p.m. is the new array of cosy and chic sweaters hitting stores right now. We can't wait to snuggle up in these.

TINA CHADHA
Metro News in New York

Sweater season makes it easier to deal with the concept of snow's eventual arrival. Shudder. SHANITA SIMS / METRO

H&M cropped sweater, $49.95, HM.com

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Costumes for the entire family

When Vancouverite Malee Perera and her son get ready for Halloween, Value Village is a prime destination.

They aren't the only second-hand costume buyers. Thirty-one per cent of parents combine new and second-hand items to get their child a standout costume, according to Value Village's annual Halloween survey.

About 87 per cent of parents say their children dress up for Halloween, and 68 per cent of parents let their kids make the costume decisions.

"My son is really into music, so he's been Gene Simmons from Kiss for several years in a row," Perera says. "But every year the costume gets an upgrade."

Perera has a few tips for getting your costume perfect.

LOOK FOR INSPIRATION ONLINE

If you are stumped on what to wear this Halloween, Google it. Pinterest is another great resource for Halloween costumes, Perera says. The latest kids' movies continue to lead the costume inspiration. According to the survey, Canadians think Disney's Frozen will beat Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and X-Men: Days of the Future Past for the top movie costume inspiration.

Trick-or-treaters can also find tons of inspiration at valuevillage.com.

PICK UP SOME SPRAY PAINT

Want to change the colour of a second-hand item? Spray paint can take care of that. "Last year my son wanted to add some silver boots to his costume, so we found some second-hand boots that were the right shape but the wrong colour," Perera says. "Then we spray painted them black and glued on some studs. They worked great."

SHOP SECOND-HAND FOR FABRICS

Buy your fabrics second-hand. "One year my son dressed as a skeleton, so he wore this black hoodie and sweatpants that he had almost grown out of, then we found a white sheet at Value Village, cut out bone shapes from it, and stitched them to his black clothes," Perera says. "It worked perfectly and it cost literally $1.99."

Value Village is full of good ideas. For more inspiration, find great costume ideas and DIY Halloween crafts at valuevillage.com.

– Stephanie Orford

DECK YOUR HOME IN HALLOWEEN DECOR

It's time to find those pumpkin carving tools. The spookiest time of year is here again and four in 10 Canadians plan to decorate their house for the occasion, according to a 2014 survey by Value Village.

Decorate your home inexpensively with decorations and DIY supplies from the thrift store. Value Village specializes in all things Halloween.

CREEPY CRAWLERS WREATH

Send shivers down spines with a Halloween-themed wreath on your door. Take a regular twig wreath (thrifted from Value Village, or new) and attach a hoard of plastic spiders or snakes using floral wire to create the creepiest of welcomes for your trick-or-treaters. Paint your creepy crawlers black with acrylic paint for a monochromatic effect.

TERRIFYING TABLE SETTINGS

Drip red wax over top of white candles to create macabre mood lighting. Plastic vampire teeth make great napkin holders. A red cloth works perfectly to create a table runner, tablecloth or placemats. Use fabric scissors to cut the edges into blood-drip shapes to create an effect the vampires among us will love.

Visit Value Village to make a do-it-yourself terrifying table setting. CONTRIBUTED

GOLDEN PUMPKINS

Wow your guests with golden gourds. Give an assortment of mini-pumpkins the Midas touch. Use glue and dip them in gold confetti or sparkles, or simply spray paint some or all of the pumpkin gold to create decorations worthy of Cinderella.

PUMPKIN ICE BUCKET

Looking for decorations that are cool and practical? Slice a large pumpkin in half horizontally and hollow out to create a bowl. Fill with ice and a little water and insert your cans or bottles of choice. Chilling!

MOOD LIGHTING

Find a wealth of second-hand glass containers at Value Village to create mood lighting for your Halloween celebration. Wrap the exterior with cheesecloth, apply stick-on googly eyes, insert glow stick or battery-operated light and voila! You have yourself a mummy light.

Visit @saversvvillage on Pinterest for many more great ideas for decorating your home this Halloween.

– Stephanie Orford

EVERY DONATION, PURCHASE HELPS

Sometimes Halloween costumes can be reused for years, but if you are tired of being the predictable guy at the party, don't throw your costume in the trash — donate at Value Village.

One person's trash is another's treasure, especially when it comes to Halloween costumes.

Every time you donate your child's outgrown costume at Value Village, not only will it bring another child just as much fun, but it will also go toward providing sustainable funding for vital community programs and services.

Value Village partners with local not-for-profit organizations to make this happen with all items that are on the floor, so that every donation and every purchase helps.

Donating your used costumes also helps keep them out of landfills. Value Village is also one of the largest recyclers of used clothing in the world, helping thrifty shoppers repurpose more than 294 million kilograms (650 million pounds) of quality goods every year.

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Legal Matters

Interest as a penalty

I have contracted to purchase a new build condo and the final closing is fast approaching. I was aware this date was coming but my partner who travels a lot on business is out of the country until a few days after the closing. Her signatures are necessary to complete the closing. My lawyer has requested an extension from the builder's lawyers and they are charging us a daily interest rate which seems really high. It will result in a couple of hundred dollars more in closing costs. How can I avoid this?

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The basic idea in charging interest is to cover the carrying costs of the unpaid balance for the property. The final closing date has come and gone and the builder is still on the hook for financing however many thousands of dollars for whatever period of time the extension is needed for. In other words, they want you to cover their costs if you are unable to close the transaction on time. Furthermore, these provisions are built into the original contract you signed many, many months ago.

The solution to this? Make sure that all parties to a real estate transaction that involves a new building are available to sign on the final closing date. You might put a power of attorney in place, but as previously covered in my weekly column, this raises a whole host of other problems. If your partners have to travel for business and can't avoid the travel .... well, the interest charge is therefore a cost of doing business.

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Developing community spirit condo-style

News roundup. From fun events to Ontario's top builder and Toronto's largest development

CONDO TRENDS
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As we head into the fall season, this year promises to be a big one for real estate development with more than 20 new GTA condo projects set to roll out between September and the New Year.

Here is a roundup of recent Toronto condo news and events from this busy time of year.

Nuit Blanche public art

Oct. 4 marked the ninth annual Nuit Blanche all-night contemporary art event. CityPlace developer Concord Adex, a proud sponsor of Nuit Blanche, hosted a VIP reception for Open Mind, an exhibit by Cuban sculptor Yoan Capote. Public art is a touchstone of Concord's building philosophy and CityPlace is home to many permanent public objets d'art. Capote flew in from Havana especially to attend the event.

Burlington condo builder Adi hosted an inaugural REBOOT fitness boot camp to raise funds for the Canadian Diabetes Association. CONTRIBUTED

Burlington gets a REBOOT

In Burlington, condo builder Adi Development Group and the Canadian Diabetes Association recently hosted the first annual REBOOT event. The one-day, high-energy gathering is an outdoor fitness boot camp and fundraiser. From beginners to elite athletes, Halton's residents were invited to an energizing one-hour workout with circuits lead by Trubody Fitness. Participants made a $20 pledge to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

"Diabetes impacts my family. It affects so many lives and the problem is growing. REBOOT is a way for us to promote the importance of staying active and eating right while raising funds and helping the CDA to establish a greater presence in Burlington," says CEO Tariq Adi.

Builder of the Year

And for the second time since 2012, condo developer Minto Group has been recognized by the Ontario Home Builders Association as Builder of the Year. This esteemed industry award emphasizes outstanding professionalism and integrity within the industry and is the culmination of an incredible run of success for the family-owned business.

"It's rewarding and humbling to be recognized by our peers. This was a record-breaking year for Minto and I'm very proud of our team," says GTA senior VP Daniel Belanger. "We want to change the way people think about building communities. An award like this lets us know we are on the right path."

Big west-end development

In Toronto's west end, Concert Properties recently announced their new, master-planned community of five buildings and 1,500 homes coming to the evolving neighbourhood of Kipling Avenue and Dundas Street West. The Kip District is Concerts' second largest multi-phased residential development in Canada and largest in Toronto. It will offer inviting west-end inspired gathering places and expansive green spaces, with a five-minute walk to Kipling Station, site of the future Kipling Mobility Hub.

Newly Minto'd award

"We want to change the way people think about building communities. An award like this lets us know we are on the right path."

VP Daniel Belanger on Minto Group being recognized as Builder of the Year.

The Kip District development is a short walk from Kipling Station. CONTRIBUTED

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Meet the condo

- **What.** The Selby
- **Builder.** Cityzen Development Group, Diamond Corp. and Fernbrook Homes
- **Location.** 592 Sherbourne St.
- **Building.** 50-storey tower with four-level podium
- **Sizes.** From 324 to 1,159 sq. ft.
- **Pricing.** From the mid-$200,000s
- **Suites.** Studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, three-bedroom and townhomes
- **Status.** Pre-construction, registration phase
- **Website.** theselbycondos.com

The project overview

A powerhouse team of developers and architects present The Selby condominiums with a variety of suites and a limited number of townhomes located steps from Bloor and Sherbourne Streets. Plans are underway to integrate the 130-year-old Gooderham Mansion into the design.

Location and transit

The building is centrally located downtown, steps from the intersection of Sherbourne and Bloor and the Sherbourne TTC subway station. You can be in the core in minutes. The Don Valley Parkway is nearby as are a choice of city bike paths to get you on your way.

Building amenities

The Selby will feature a landscaped outdoor pool with a sundeck and private rooms with barbecues. There's a fitness facility, guest suites and a theatre, as well as a private dining room, a party room and lounge areas.

In the neighbourhood

Residents will be close to upscale designer shopping and gourmet dining in Yorkville. There's the nearby ROM, Panasonic Theatre and Ed Mirvish Theatre as well as the University of Toronto, Ryerson University and the Rosedale Ravine Trail.

Municipal election

Great cities start with great transit

BRYAN TUCKEY
President and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) can be found at twitter.com/bildgta, facebook.com/bildgta, and bildblogs.ca.

It comes as no surprise that one of the biggest issues in this municipal election is transit. We all know that the population of the GTA is growing by up to 100,000 people each year, and we must be prepared for this growth with proper infrastructure in place.

BILD has always said that any transit strategy must be aligned to the principles of Places to Grow — the provincial growth plan that has tasked with building higher-density housing in urban centres and along transit corridors.

It is essential to have certainty and predictability for long-term transit plans, as well as their funding. Appropriate intensification is the single most important initiative required to elevate ridership levels to help cover operational costs and ensure that future generations are not left footing the bill.

It's important to have tools and policies that will support intensification. This is why future municipal leaders must work together with the industry and residents to make sure that the appropriate regulatory framework is in place.

Our industry remains supportive of city council as it continues to be a visionary in transit expansion plans. We believe that these plans should always be tied to the regional plan presented by Metrolinx.

Most importantly, we must proceed with implementing a plan now.

If you want to learn more about transit in the GTA, our friends at the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have recently joined the conversation with a short and highly informative four-part video series on the organization's YouTube channel. You can view it by visiting rccao.com.

The best cities are built when we align city and community planning with a comprehensive transit system. This is why I encourage all my readers to take part in electing our future leader on October 27.

The future of our cities, and how we enjoy them, depends on it.

What's hot on the condo market

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1. Upper Beaches

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2. Mimico

Open house: The Eleven Superior condominiums near the lake in Mimico. Several units will be shown. Make your way to 2398 Lake Shore Blvd. W., Oct. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m.

CONTACT: LYNN STILL, 905-822-5000

3. The Queensway

Sales event: Priority Preview Sale at IQ condos, Phase 2. One and two bedrooms at Islington and The Queensway. Call to register.

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4. Downsview

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Create a private place for guests

Holiday visitors. Expecting house guests and wondering how to turn an awkward area into an inviting sleeping space? Try these tips

I purchased a condo that has a den, which is a three-sided room that opens to my foyer and has no closet or window. I'd like to create sleeping space for guests and need some help.

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Not only does this space occasionally need to function as a private sleeping space, but it should also be an attractive area when visitors enter the condo. I suggest creating a lounge room that offers up everyday storage and sleeping space when needed.

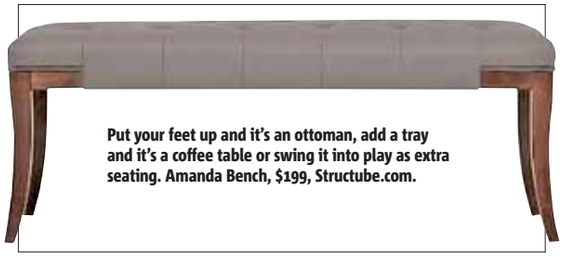
Start by adding a daybed, one that can be used for both lounging and sleeping. Decorative pillows that line the back of the daybed will give it a sofa effect. Once you've carved out space for the bed, make some sort of storage, like a wall of cabinetry or bookcases, a priority. Use them for display or books and add bins or baskets to hide away everyday essentials.

Add a versatile ottoman/bench to round out the furnishings to create some additional seating. A reading lamp and large mirror will help make the area feel like an intentional lounge/reading room. A ceiling-mounted drapery rod can contain a drapery panel off to one side; this can be closed when guests are sleeping and kept tied back when not in use.

As for a decor scheme, take your cue from your foyer area. If you have a stylish mirror, a painting or an area rug in your entrance, then allow that style and those colours into the den. This will create a large, impressive-looking entrance when visitors arrive, yet offer up a private sleeping area when draped off.

A lounger by day and a queen bed by night — the top cushion flips down to create a bed for two. Lubi Turquoise Sleeper Daybed, $999, CB2.com.

Open and airy shelving adds useful style to a small space without making it feel boxy. Bibloteca Bookcase, $699, UrbanBarn.com.



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Don't be a tool. Build new Ikea line with nothing but your bare hands

Flat-pack furniture assembly just got even easier thanks to a new range by Ikea that can be set up completely tool-free.

The Regissör living room storage collection can be assembled using just your hands, thanks to special wedge dowels and new design techniques, with no loose parts and no need for screws.

Ikea claims that the whole process takes just five minutes.

Wedge dowels already existed in Ikea world, but this is the first time the brand has used the design across an entire collection.

Comprising a bookshelf, cabinets and a coffee table, the range will launch in the Swedish brand's U.S. stores this month.

The new assembly technique will also be used in additional storage units slated for spring 2015 and is already being used in select pieces from the company's Stockholm range.

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No tools necessary for Ikea's Regissör coffee table. IKEA

Wedge dowels and new design techniques eliminate the need for tools. IKEA

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Textiles awash in watercolour warmth

Collection born in Scotland, made in Canada. Bluebellgray uses local talent for custom textile line

After hand painting the lush florals and abstract prints that adorn her designs, Fiona Douglas doesn't have far to look beyond her Glasgow studio to see her creative vision truly take shape.

The creator of Scottish textile company Bluebellgray has her original watercolours digitally printed on natural cloths that serve as the canvasses for an expansive array of home interiors — some of which are produced just beyond her doorstep.

"We obviously can't do it across every product because some product lines you just can't simply make in the country where you want to make them," said Douglas, whose company uses ethically approved factories for overseas production.

"But from the very beginning, all of the cushions we've done in the U.K. market are printed in the U.K. The backing cloth comes from a little mill up the road in Scotland. We sew them in Glasgow, the cushion pads come from a guy in Glasgow.

"It's very much local, and it's something that's been really important to me since the beginning of setting up this business is working with local suppliers and giving people jobs and opportunity. It's very much part of the ethos of what we do."

Bluebellgray's support of local producers has extended across the Atlantic as part of a new partnership with Hudson's Bay Co. All of the cushions for the retailer are sewn in Canada, and two of the furniture pieces in the exclusive collection — a tufted headboard with bright pink pin cushions and a colourful accent chair — are also manufactured here.

"Everything is circular and I think it's a great thing to do. And I love that in Canada, we've had the opportunity to do that, to make things here to then sell in the Canadian market," the genial Douglas said during an interview in a downtown Toronto hotel suite awash with her cheerily coloured designs.

Douglas is also commemorating the special Bluebellgray line with the retailer with two exclusive prints: the autumnal-toned Arisaig named for a village on Scotland's west coast; and Flower Field Meadow, which boasts oversized florals and bright colours. The Bay will also sell a selection of Bluebellgray's other popular designs in duvet sets, piped sheeting and quilts.

Douglas has eschewed following the masses or trends and remains committed to her own creative vision.

"I never look at trend boards. I never look at what's coming through, because I don't want to have that outside influence affecting what I do. I try and keep my inspiration quite pure," she said. "So the inspiration could be going

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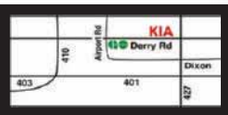

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Tricks for mixing prints

Fiona Douglas said people shouldn't shy away from mixing prints in the home — provided they work with different scales.

- "You can maybe have a really lovely large-scale print on your bed and then maybe a large-scale print on your cushions as well. And then you have a smaller scale print on the rug or maybe on your wallpaper."
- Painting the wall behind the bed in a deep hue can also act like a blank canvas for more colourful prints that may be showcased on bedding, she noted.
- "If you keep a natural colour palette running throughout everything, then there will be this beautiful co-ordination that comes together," she said. "That's the most important thing for getting a coherent look in a room is to have the colours that all work together.
- "It doesn't necessarily have to be the same colour. You can choose things that are all in the same colour family or the opposing colour family. As long as they're in the same tone, then they'll work in your room."

Cozy up to colour

"There's nothing better on a cold winter day (than) if you come into your home and it's full of bright colour and florals. It's going to make you feel good."

Fiona Douglas of Bluebellgray

to see a beautiful art exhibition or a lovely book that I've read.

"I think that by keeping the focus on my ideas and keeping them natural, it means you're not swayed by trends. And then the brand remains much more true to the heart and soul of what it's about."

While Douglas does create abstract designs, her boldly hued florals have been a distinct brand signature. While some may associate use of blooms with warmer-weather style, Douglas said she sees the beauty of florals in their ability to be incorporated year-round.

"There's nothing better on a cold winter day (than) if you come into your home and it's full of bright colour and florals. It's going to make you feel good," she said. "I would say the best way to deal with that if you're a little bit worried is use layering. Use quilts and use throws to add texture and to layer on top of your florals, and that's what will add your coziness if you're wanting this cosy feeling for autumn and winter." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Make room for this easy-as-pie dish

Alternative Thanksgiving Week. Pumpkin pie will just have to share the spotlight with this Hearty Beef Pot Pie

For an extra touch, slather this pie in a rich gravy. KATIE JACOBS

Pastry Crust

1. Blend flour and salt well in a large bowl. Cut the shortening into pea-size pieces and work into flour mixture until crumbs form. In a separate bowl, mix together cold water and vinegar. Gradually add the water mixture to the flour mixture until combined. Shape the dough into a ball, cover in plastic wrap, and chill for at least 30 minutes.

2. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to a uniform thickness. Place in a pie plate and trim the edges.

3. Bake at 400 F for 8 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Let cool. (Makes two 9-inch pie crusts).

To Prepare

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F. Place meat in a bowl and soak in 1 cup of milk for 5 minutes, then drain meat and dredge in 1 cup flour. Shake off excess. Place meat in a skillet and brown in butter and oil on all sides over medium high heat. Add onion before meat is completely browned. Turn down heat to low. Add 1 cup of broth and garlic, salt, and pepper and let simmer for 20 minutes.

2. In a bowl, whisk 1/3 cup of flour into 1 cup broth. Add to pan. Add the potatoes, peas and carrots, and celery to the pan and continue cooking until the beef is tender and the mixture is thick and bubbly.

3. Pour the mixture into an unbaked pie crust. Top with crust. Score the top crust to vent. Bake at 450 F for 35 minutes, or until the crust is golden brown.

RECIPE FROM ME, MYSELF AND PIE: AMISH RECIPES BY SHERRY GORE (HARPER COLLINS CHRISTIAN PUBLISHING/ ZONDERVAN, 2014)

Ingredients

Pastry Crust
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup + 2 tbsp butter-flavoured vegetable shortening, chilled
- 5 tbsp ice cold water
- 1 tbsp vinegar

Beef Pot Pie
- Two 9-inch unbaked pastry pie crusts
- 1 lb beef stew mix, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/3 cup flour, divided
- 6 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cups beef broth, divided
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 1 1/2 cups potatoes, peeled, cubed, and cooked
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 1 stalk celery, diced

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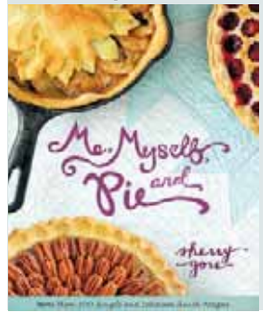

Me, Myself, and Pie by Sherry Gore not only features 100 recipes that use simple, wholesome ingredients — it also shares stories of Amish life and culture. Gore offers readers tried-and-true techniques that are sure to turn out picture-perfect pies. Recipes include both sweet and savoury fillings. Among recipes are Peach Pie, Cream Cheese Pecan Pie, Sweet Potato Pie, Farmhouse Chicken Pot Pie; Ham and Cheese Hand Pies, and more. **METRO**

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Habs put hush over Leaf Nation

NHL. Back-and-forth tilt ends with winning goal banking off of Toronto player

Season opener

Canadiens	Maple Leafs
4	3

The Montreal Canadiens got a pinball goal to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs in the season opener.

Tomas Plekanec banked a shot off the foot of rookie Leafs defenceman Stuart Percy with 43 seconds left to give the Canadiens a 4-3 victory Wednesday night at Air Canada Centre.

Plekanec's second goal of the game came not long after Morgan Rielly tied it for Toronto in a back-and-forth game that will be another chapter in the long-standing rivalry between these teams.

P.K. Subban and Max Pacioretty also scored for the Habs, who have a handful of new players a season after going to the Eastern Conference final. Goaltender Carey Price finished with 24 saves.

Rielly, Nazem Kadri and Tyler Bozak had the Leafs' goals. Brandon Kozun, who was making his NHL debut, had the shot that Kadri tipped in for his goal, and Percy, who was also playing his first NHL game, set up Bozak. Jonathan Bernier stopped 28 of the 32 shots he faced.

Once the 48th Highlanders of Canada Pipes and Drums were done their annual tradition of playing at the Leafs' home opener, the new introduction video featured a speech by actor Will Arnett and the arena showed off spectacular new on-ice video projections.

Then it was time to drop the puck on the NHL season.

The Leafs had the game's first five shots and dominated the play early thanks to a particularly strong shift by the second line of Joffrey Lupul, Kadri and Kozun. But the Canadiens made their first one count.

Pacioretty turned on the jets to get around Dion Phaneuf and went five-hole on Bernier to make it 1-0 Montreal 4:42 into the game.

Then Kozun made an impact on his fourth-career NHL shift by taking a shot that Kadri deflected past Price to tie the score at 8:04.

After James Van Riemsdyk drew a penalty driving to the net, the Leafs got another contribution from a rookie as Percy found Bozak for a power-play goal with 38 seconds left in the first period. That made it 2-1 Toronto.

Plekanec's first goal was the only marker in the second period, then in the third, Subban gave the Habs the lead at the 8:41 mark at the end of a long shift for the Leafs' top line of van Riemsdyk, Bozak and Phil Kessel. Subban fired a perfect shot by Bernier and celebrated with a fist pump.

Rielly tied it at 17:41 by throwing the puck on net and getting a fortuitous bounce. It looked like it would force overtime until Plekanec scored at 19:17.

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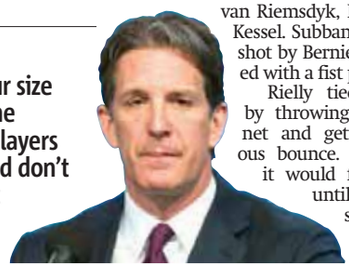
Quoted

"To me it doesn't matter what your size is, where you're from. To me, as the temperature of a game goes up, players that sort of relish that moment and don't shrink in that role are players that impress us as a management group." Maple Leafs president Brendan Shanahan



1 Plekanec brandishes Leaf blower

Maple Leafs goaltender Jonathan Bernier makes a save in front of the Canadiens' Tomas Plekanec during the regular-season opener on Wednesday at Air Canada Centre. Plekanec had two goals, including the game-winner, in a 4-3 win for the Habs.

2 Kadri shows off hand-eye co-ordination

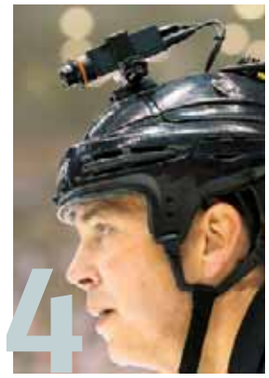
Nazem Kadri celebrates scoring past Habs goalie Carey Price. Kadri deflected a shot in midair and into the net for the Leafs' first goal of the season.

3 JVR pays the Price

Leafs forward James van Riemsdyk gets levelled in front of Price.

4 New ref cam

Referee Tom Kowal sports a camera on his helmet which gives viewers at home a new point of view from the ice.



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4 SPORTS

Dynamo douse TFC playoff push

MLS. Toronto chance at franchise first post-season appearance get dimmer after missed opportunity vs. Houston

Giles Barnes' first-half goal, coupled with goalie Tyler Deric's heroics, gave the Houston Dynamo a nervy 1-0 MLS win over Toronto FC on Wednesday that could well derail Toronto's playoff hopes.

The Dynamo were reduced to 10 men in the 55th minute and had to survive a penalty as the 26-year-old Deric, in for the injured Tally Hall, put on a show. The visitors also had to endure seven minutes stoppage time after an action-packed second half.

The dropped three points were crucial for Toronto (11-13-7), which could have moved into fifth place and the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference with the win. Instead Houston (11-14-6) joined Philadelphia within one point of sixth-place Toronto.

On Wednesday

Dynamo	Toronto FC
1	0

- On Tuesday, Toronto coach Greg Vanney estimated seven points might get his team into the playoffs, with a target of nine points. Now there are just nine left on the table with three games remaining.

The Houston game represented Toronto's game in hand on the five teams ahead of it in the Eastern Conference. Toronto has three games left — away to the New York Red Bulls, home to the Montreal Impact and away to the New England Revolution.

TFC, which entered the league in 2007, has never qualified for the post-season. But TFC has already set single-season franchise records for wins and points this season.

There were plenty of empty seats in the announced crowd of 18,269 on a chilly 10-degree night at BMO Field.

Toronto had more than its share of chances, including a shot that flew high from a wide-open Jermain Defoe in the 82nd minute.

It was a rare road win for Houston, which came into the game with a 2-11-2 record away from home this season. But Barnes, an English forward, has been a thorn in Toronto's side all season with two goals and two assists in three games against TFC.

Deric stopped Defoe's 58th-minute penalty attempt, after defender A.J. Cochran was sent off for dragging down Luke Moore. Deric, diving right to palm away the Defoe penalty, stopped Brazil's Jackson seconds later.

Deric pushed a Moore header off the goalpost minutes later. Then Toronto fullback Justin Morrow shot just wide. The Houston goalie also made two more eye-popping saves in the 69th minute.

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Toronto FC striker Jermain Defoe gets fouled by Houston Dynamo forward Brian Ownby on Wednesday at BMO Field. Defoe missed a penalty kick on Houston 'keeper Tyler Deric as Toronto fell 1-0. HANNAH YOON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Spurs go Gaga in Berlin

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Child abuse trial may end Peterson's season

Unlikely this year. Tentative date to begin trial set for Dec. 1, last game is Dec. 28

Adrian Peterson is hoping to go to trial as soon as possible. Whether the star running back for the Minnesota Vikings returns to the playing field any time soon is another question entirely.

A Texas judge on Wednesday set a tentative Dec. 1 trial date for Peterson to face a felony charge of child abuse after using a wooden switch to discipline his four-year-old son in suburban Houston earlier this year. Defence attorney Rusty Hardin said that Peterson is "chomping at the bit" to defend himself publicly.

But the case might not be tried before the end of the year, meaning Peterson, who is on paid leave from the team, may not be back on the field this season. The Vikings' final regular-season game is Dec. 28.

The trial date might change too: Montgomery County District Attorney Brett Ligon said he intends to file a motion to recuse Judge Kelly Case after he called each lead attorney in the case a "media whore," but apologized, saying it was a joke.

A Nov. 4 hearing was scheduled on whether to assign a new judge. Case said the trial would likely begin Dec. 1 if he keeps the case.

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Legalities

Corporal punishment is legal in every U.S. state. The Texas Attorney General's Office notes that belts and brushes "are accepted by many as legitimate disciplinary 'tools,'" but "electrical or phone cords, boards, yardsticks, ropes, shoes and wires are likely to be considered instruments of abuse."

Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson leaves court in Conroe, Texas, on Wednesday. Judge Kelly Case tentatively set a Dec. 1 trial date for Peterson on a charge of felony child abuse for using a wooden switch to discipline his four-year-old son. JASON FOCHTMAN/CONROE COURIER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heat vs. Cavs in Rio

No hard feelings between LeBron and Miami

LeBron James was welcomed at Dwyane Wade's wedding last month. Udonis Haslem continues to maintain a friendship with his former teammate. Chris Andersen still wears his sneakers.

There's no venom, no hatred, not even trash-talking. There isn't much of anything, to be perfectly frank.

So when the Miami Heat and Cleveland Cavaliers James' former team against James' former-turned-current team meet in a preseason game Saturday in Rio de Janeiro, it won't be some sort of streetfight, one team enraged because the player who helped them to four straight NBA Finals left to go back to his hometown team. Besides, it's not like it counts, anyway.

"I'm sure everyone will try their best," said Heat forward Chris Bosh.

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Shanghai Masters

Big names advance, Raonic, Pospisil drop out

Canada's Milos Raonic and Vasek Pospisil were eliminated at the Shanghai Masters on Wednesday while Roger Federer, Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic advanced to the third round.

Raonic, the No. 8 seed from Thornhill, trailed 2-5 in the opening set when he retired from his second-round match against Argentina's Juan Monaco. It wasn't immediately clear why Raonic decided to end the match.

The unseeded Pospisil, from Vancouver, dropped a 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-4 decision to No. 14 Roberto Bautista Agut despite firing 15 aces to the Spaniard's two.

Federer hadn't played in a month and the inactivity showed. He made an uncharacteristic 57 unforced errors, including some bad mishits, and only won about half of his points at the net. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In Canada. MacDonald to get a shot at UFC title

Canadian Rory (Ares) MacDonald is getting his UFC title shot. And it will happen in Canada.

UFC president Dana White has confirmed that the 25-year-old welterweight will fight the winner of the UFC 181 main event between 170-pound champion Johny (Bigg Rigg) Hendricks and No. 1 contender (Ruthless) Robbie Lawler.

MacDonald, ranked No. 2 among welterweight contenders, has won three straight and eight of his last nine in the UFC.

White did not say when MacDonald would get his title shot, but the UFC has a March date reserved in Montreal.

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Recognition

"He's next in line and that fight will be in Canada."

UFC president Dana White

Argos. Kackert's new injury unrelated to ankle

Chad Kackert's comeback with the Toronto Argonauts is on hold.

The running back suffered a pulled left hamstring in practice Tuesday and is expected to be out four to six weeks.

While not ideal, Kackert's injury wasn't related to the broken left ankle he suffered last year that forced him to retire prior to the start of the season.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Face up to emotional problems. There is a time and a place for everything, and this is the time and the place to make your feelings known. Be honest and tell others to be honest too.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
A business venture may seem straightforward but as Mercury is in one of its retrograde phases there may be hidden pitfalls. Don't commit unless you have a get-out clause.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your approach to a certain situation may be ridiculed by those who think you are doomed to failure but they won't be laughing when they see you make a success of it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You will learn as much from your mistakes today as you do from your successes, so be of good cheer and expect an upturn in your fortunes soon.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Others may be willing to listen to your opinions today but will they act on what you suggest? Don't worry about that. Just ensure you live up to your ideals.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may have misgivings about a deal but you'd be wise to ignore them. What happens over the next few days should give you a sense of confidence.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The changes you are going through may be what you need but that won't stop you from worrying. The planets urge you to keep faith with what you have decided and eventually your luck will return.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Because mind planet Mercury is moving retrograde it will take a concentrated mental effort not to give in to feelings of doom. It is an effort worth making.

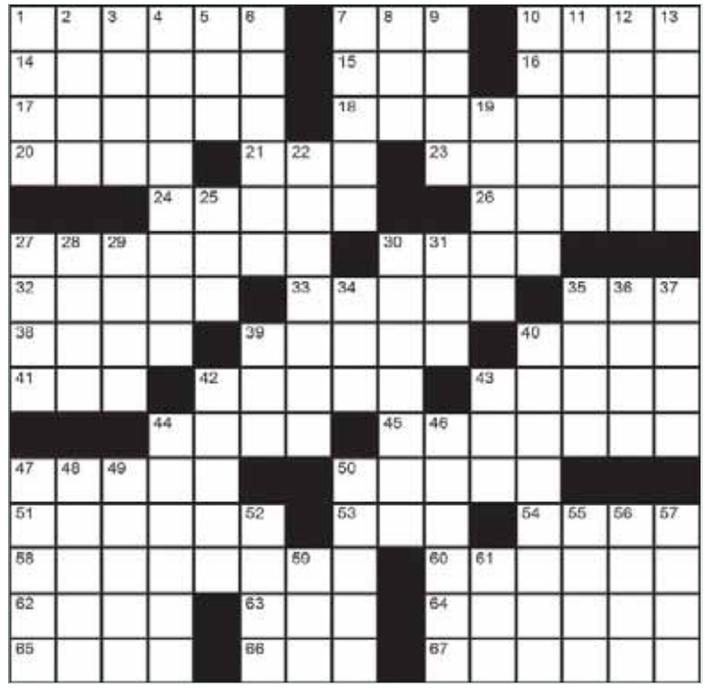
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today's cosmic picture is misleading to say the least, so don't make decisions on what you think loved ones have been saying. Chances are you have misinterpreted their meaning.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Communication won't be easy over the next 24 hours, and when you get a straight answer from someone you may not be able to trust it. Keep what you want to say for another day.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Trust your instincts if they lead you in a certain direction today but don't expect others to follow without question.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your imagination could easily run away with you today, especially if you are having second thoughts about a project. Don't get carried away.

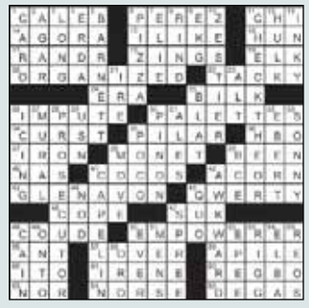
Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Kardashians guy Scott
7. Queen from folklore
10. Try out
14. Actress, Maria Conchita __
15. Genius
16. "My Way" bit: "..._ ___ it up and spit it out."
17. Praying insect
18. Barenaked Ladies bassist Jim
20. Business: 'Big Board', briefly
21. Gardening implement
23. __ Bridge (1500s-built oldest crosser of Venice's Grand Canal)
24. Whirls
26. Smile scornfully
27. Mr. Ferguson, Canadian jazz trumpeter
30. Canadian hockey star Mr. Weber
32. The Tempest spirit
33. Supermodel Kate
35. Music's Brian
38. Seven: French
39. Tennis great Chris
40. Handle
41. Owns
42. Persona non __
43. Still _ __ (Maya Angelou poem)
44. True: French
45. __ Afshin-Jam (Activist wife of Justice Minister Peter MacKay who was Miss World Canada in 2003)
47. Ms. MacDowell
50. Askew, to a Scot
51. Trumpet-like instrument
53. "Waking __ Devine" (1998)
54. Bausch + __ (Contacts care brand)
58. Harbour hazard: 2 wds.
60. Mr. Estevez
62. Mr. Shankar
63. Ms. Larter
64. McDonald's character
65. Actor, Roscoe __ (b.1895 - d.1962)
66. Celebrity chef Sandra
67. Dotted-line endorser

Down
1. Exasperated expletive!
2. William Faulkner's As _ __ Dying
3. Some of "The Brady Bunch"
4. Cyberspace
5. "_ _ _: Crime Scene Investigation"
6. __ salt (Seasoning)
7. Ceremonial staffs
8. Horiz.
9. "Cheers" order
10. Fantasy novel by Weyburn, Saskatchewan born author Guy Gavriel Kay
11. Bald __
12. Condition
13. Placido Domingo's voice
19. Iron: German
22. Leakey Family's famous excavation site, __ Gorge
25. 'Arbor' suffix (Relating to trees)
27. Crush
28. "Diamonds __ _ Girl's Best Friend"
29. Litter barks
30. "__ Empire", new CBC Western
31. Popular
34. Hamster or parrot
35. Ireland, in verse
36. Inconclusive
37. Frank
39. Baseball pitcher's stat.
40. Arctic __ (Northwest Territories' official fish)
42. Hellenic language
43. 'Capital' suffix
44. Da __ (Mona Lisa and Annunciation)
46. Some trees
47. Canadian performers' union
48. Tuque-less, say: 2 wds.
49. The Cars hit
50. Brad Pitt's wife, to pals
52. Cookware brand
55. The Good Earth heroine
56. Distance unit
57. Foretell
59. Bravo!
61. Me: French

Yesterday's Crossword



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9		1				3		8
	8		2		3		9	
2			9		8			6
		5	1		9	2		
		2	3		6	4		
7			6		1			4
	5		4		7		8	
3		4				1		7

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	7	9	4	8	3	5	2	1
1	3	8	6	2	5	7	4	9
4	5	2	9	1	7	8	3	6
7	4	6	2	5	8	9	1	3
9	1	5	3	4	6	2	7	8
2	8	3	7	9	1	4	6	5
8	9	7	1	3	2	6	5	4
3	6	4	5	7	9	1	8	2
5	2	1	8	6	4	3	9	7

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